Application Information for The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Scholarship at Earlham College

**DEADLINE:** All applications and recommendations must be received by the Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program office no later than March 1.

**PART 1: RECOMMENDATION**

In addition to completing the Bonner Scholars Program application, you should ask someone to write a letter of recommendation for you. This individual should be someone with whom you do volunteer work (a supervisor, fellow volunteer or someone served by your volunteer activities) or to someone outside your family who is familiar with the qualities and activities which qualify you for the Bonner Scholars Program.

As soon as you decide to apply for the Bonner Scholars Program, please take the following steps.

Contact the person you have in mind and make sure he or she can write a letter of recommendation for you and submit it by March 1. Let him or her know that an email will be sent with information and instructions for submitting his or her letter.

As soon as you know who will be writing your recommendation letter, complete the Recommendation Request Form. Once you have submitted this information using the online form, an email will be sent immediately to the recommending individual with full information and instructions for submitting his or her letter.

**All recommendation letters and applications must be received in the Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program office no later than March 1 to receive consideration.** It is therefore important to take the above steps in enough time for your recommender to meet the deadline. You may submit the recommendation information even if you are not yet ready to submit your application.

If the person who will be submitting a letter for you does not have an email address, send us an email which includes your name and the name, mailing address and phone number of the recommending individual. We will send instructions to the individual.

[Online Recommendation Request Form]

**PART 2: APPLICATION**

This document lets you know what is on the Application Form. You are strongly encouraged to write and save your answers to the seven short answer questions before accessing the online form and then cutting and pasting your answers into the spaces provided on the form. You will receive an email confirmation that your form has been successfully submitted.

[Online Bonner Application]

**Contact Information**

Name of applicant: ________________________________

Home address: ________________________________

High School: ________________________________

Date of birth: ________________________________
Short Answer Questions

Please respond thoughtfully to each of the following questions. They are designed to give you an opportunity to relate the experiences that qualify you to be a Bonner Scholar. Use as much space as you need to answer each question fully and concisely.

1. In prospective Bonner Scholars, we look for committed people who have shown dedication to activities of importance in their lives whether or not they have had the opportunity to participate in service or volunteer activities. Please describe the service, family, school, religious, athletic, and/or work responsibilities to which you have been most committed. Specify the activities, positions held/major duties, and length/frequency of commitments. If you have had relatively little involvement with service, please explain the responsibilities, circumstances or choices that have contributed to this.

2. Describe in detail one service, family or work activity listed in question 1 to which you’ve felt most committed. How is/was it meaningful to you?

3. Bonner Scholars value diversity of all kinds in their program and their service work. Please describe an experience you have had that has made you more aware of the diversity in our world. What makes this particular experience important?

4. The Bonner Scholars Program is founded on the belief that students can change the world through service. Describe a problem or issue that you feel is particularly urgent in your community and/or in today’s society at large, and explain why you chose this issue or problem.

5. How do you personally define service? What are your primary motivations for doing service and for being a Bonner Scholar?

6. We receive numerous applications for the 15 Bonner Scholar positions in each Earlham class. What will you bring or contribute to the Earlham College Bonner Scholar community and to your community service activity?

7. How do you think being a Bonner Scholar will contribute to your college experience and connect with your academics and/or life outside of classes?

Submission of applications by mail, email or fax should only occur if there is a barrier that prevents you from using the online form. Please do not submit additional copies by mail, email or fax if your electronic submission is successful.

Materials may be mailed to:
Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program
801 National Road West
Drawer 206
Richmond IN 47374-4095

Applications may also be emailed to Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program, or faxed to 765/983-1894. Email submissions should be sent as attachments in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), Rich Text Format (.rtf) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format.