

Bonner Scholars Program Requirements

The Bonner Scholars Program is a wonderful opportunity for students who want to make a contribution to society and feel compelled to serve. It offers support for students who wish to serve while in school in addition to providing a wide variety of enrichment activities that will enhance the college experience.

The community-based work expectations for the Bonner Scholars Program are:

School Year Service:

- Bonner Scholars are required to participate in the **Bonner Scholars Orientation**.
- In addition to a one-hour training per week and one hour for reflection, Bonner Scholars are required to perform **eight hours of community service a week** during the academic year (280 hours total).
- For the purpose of the Bonner Scholars Program, “**community-based work**” is defined as service provided to individuals or community to meet social, educational, or environmental needs. This service may be provided directly or indirectly through a community initiated project or a project sponsored by a non-profit or government agency. DePauw’s center for Civic Education offers a listing of more than 35 diverse placements to assist students in choosing their school year service placement.

Summer Service:

- Each Bonner Scholar is required to participate in **two full-time summer internships** consisting of **280 hours of service each summer**, approximately 40 hours a week for 7 weeks. Each student is responsible for securing his/her own summer internship at a non-profit organization in any locale the student chooses. Examples of summer internship sites include non-profit summer camps, local government agencies, summer public school programs, hospitals, and professional internships with non-profits. Students may receive compensation from the agency for their work during the summer in addition to the stipends received from the Bonner Foundation (see Scholarship Award section below for more details on these stipends). There is also an opportunity to participate in a third summer internship; this is optional for all Bonner Scholars who have completed two summers of service internships. The Bonner Scholars office will assist students in finding a summer placement.

Additional expectations are as follows:

- Maintain good academic and social standing at DePauw University (at least a 2.5 grade point average). The Bonner Scholar Program staff is in regular communication with the Community Standards Office and receive grade updates for all Bonner Scholars.
- Participate in educational and enrichment trainings and events planned by the Bonner Scholar Program for all participants. These trainings and events include but are not limited to: attending a fall retreat each year, attending convocations, journal writing, and handing in time sheets on time every month.
- Participate in a Winter Term Course during the first year of service which includes a week-long service trip. All expenses for the service trip are covered by the Bonner Scholars Program.
- Attend a regional training/service exchange event during the second year of service.
- Plan and participate in the Senior Convocation during the fourth year of service.

Bonner Scholars are selected from incoming first-year class and are expected, though not required to stay involved in the program throughout their four years of college. If a Bonner chooses to leave the program, he/she forfeits the remainder of the scholarship.