

Bonner Scholar Program Requirements

The Bonner Scholar 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 college, in addition to providing a wide variety of enrichment activities that will enhance the college experience.

The community-based professional expectations for the Bonner Scholar Program are:

Service during the Academic Year:

- Bonner Scholars are required to participate in the **Bonner Scholar Orientation**.
- Bonner Scholars are required to perform **eight to ten hours of community service per week**, in addition to **two hours of training and reflection per week** during the academic year (140 hours per semester total).
- For the purpose of the Bonner Scholar Program, “**community-based work**” is defined as service provided to individuals or the 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 Hartman Center offers a listing of more than 35 diverse service sites to assist students in choosing their service site(s) for the academic year.
- Bonner Scholars are required to enroll in the Winter Term course “Civic Education” in the first year. The course includes an on-campus seminar and off-campus program in a regional city. All costs for the course are covered by the program. Bonner Scholars will earn credit for the course and fulfill one of their two Extended Studies graduation requirements.

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 per week for seven weeks. Students are responsible for securing their own summer internship at a non-profit organization in any locale they choose. Examples of summer internship sites include non-profit summer camps, local government offices, summer public school programs, hospitals, and professional internships with non-profit or government agencies. 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 additional funding for an optional third summer internship or project. The Bonner Scholar office will assist students in finding a summer placement.

Additional expectations are as follows:

- Maintain good academic and social standing at DePauw University.
- Be ethical in your participation in the DePauw and Greencastle/Putnam County community; take responsibility for what you say and do; and behave in a manner that is respectful of the dignity of others, treating others with civility and understanding.
- Participate in educational and enrichment training and events planned by the Bonner Scholar Program. These trainings and events include but are not limited to: weekly meetings - 10 with your class and 10 with all Bonners for the year, journal writing, and submitting time sheets monthly.
- Participate in or complete all cornerstone activities including the Sophomore Service Exchange (a regional training/service event), and the Senior Presentation of Learning.

Bonner Scholars are selected from the incoming first-year class and are expected to stay involved in the program throughout their four years of college. If a Bonner Scholar chooses to leave the program, they forfeit the remainder of the scholarship.