

# **Ursinus College Bonner Leaders/Scholars in Service Application '17**

Application Deadline: January 18th, 2017

If you are passionate about affecting positive change in the world, you may be a good candidate for one of Ursinus College's Service Leadership Programs: the Bonner Leaders and Scholars in Service. These programs are run out of UCARE, the Ursinus Center for Advocacy, Responsibility and Engagement. For more information on UCARE, visit [www.ursinus.edu/offices/ucare](http://www.ursinus.edu/offices/ucare).

These competitive programs offer selected students with exceptional records of leadership, community service and/or social justice work an opportunity to continue their commitment to the common good. Bonner Leaders and Scholars in Service fulfill their service hours working in the community with local non-profits. Read on for descriptions of both of these programs:

## **--BONNER LEADERS OVERVIEW--**

Annual Service Commitment: 300 hours

Average Volunteer Hours Per Week: 8-10

Annual Scholarship: \$4,000

The Bonner Program is designed to heighten the overall education students receive by asking them to engage in ongoing service work and helping them develop the experience, skills, knowledge and values necessary to make that work meaningful and lasting. In addition to community outreach, Bonner Leaders spend about two hours a week together as a group, reflecting on experiences and participating in training sessions to develop personal and leadership skills. This intensive, multi-year program is designed to enhance the students' academic experiences by fostering real-world, community connections.

### **The following is expected of Bonner Leaders:**

- Make community service and leadership development one of their highest priorities
  - Maintain good academic standing
  - Perform a minimum of 300 hours of service during the school year by serving an average of 8-10 hours a week with a community partner(s)
  - Attend weekly Bonner classes as well as regularly scheduled events, individual meetings and advising sessions
  - Participate in a first-year service trip
  - Attend Bonner Orientation at the beginning of each semester
  - Attend Saturday Service Days once per month
  - Make a final presentation of learning
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## **--SCHOLARS IN SERVICE OVERVIEW--**

Annual Service Commitment: 150 hours

Average Volunteer Hours Per Week: 4-6

Annual Scholarship: \$2,000

Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania is an initiative at Ursinus College that recognizes, trains, and supports students who are civically engaged. Students will pledge to complete 150 hours of service during the school year and, in exchange for that commitment, will receive leadership and organizing training, support from UCARE staff and fellow Scholars, and ongoing supervision and reflection activities.

Each Scholar will be expected to serve in a community organization for 4-6 hours per week and attend bi-weekly meetings/reflection sessions with the rest of the group (once every other week).

### **The following is expected of Scholars in Service:**

- Perform a minimum of 150 hours of service during the school year by serving an average of 4-6 hours a week with a community partner(s)
- Attend bi-weekly group meetings
- Attend Saturday Service Days once per month

**\*\*These are competitive scholarship programs with limited spots available.\*\***

**Name \***

First

Last

**Address \***

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

**Cell Phone Number \***

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**High School \***

**High School City, State \***

**GPA (unweighted on a 4.0 scale) \***

**Email \***

**I would like my application to be considered for (select one or both) \***

- ☐ The Bonner Leader Program
- ☐ The Scholars in Service Program

**Please answer the following short essays:**

**1) In prospective service leaders, we look for committed people who have shown dedication to community engagement in their lives.**

**Please LIST your experiences in community service or activism in the following categories:**

- a. Special one-time events and short-term service projects**
- b. Ongoing weekly or monthly service and advocacy commitments**
- c. Summer service experiences \***

**2) Describe in detail one experience in community service or activism in which you spent a significant amount of time and which you found particularly rewarding.**

**Describe this activity in detail, explaining what you did, why you did it, and how it made a difference in both your life and the lives of others. \***

**3) We are seeking applicants who are committed to working for social justice as well as engaging in acts of compassion and solidarity with community members who are in need.**

**Choose a social justice issue (homelessness, education, immigration, literacy, etc.) that you feel strongly about. Explain why you chose this issue and tell us about ways you have been or would like to be involved in addressing that issue. \***