BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM
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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR WORK-STUDY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE & SOCIAL JUSTICE
What is the UNC Bonner Leaders Program?

The Bonner Leaders Program at the Campus Y matches a committed group of work-study students with local nonprofits and public agencies. Each student makes a four-year commitment to an organization, ensuring an ever-deepening understanding of key community issues as they assume increasingly responsible roles each year. The service requirement is significant, approximately 270 hours per year, and is complemented by weekly reflections, leadership workshops, and capacity-building seminars. It is designed to transform not only the students, but also the communities in which they serve and learn.

Program benefits include:

- **Community Service:** Bonner Leaders have the opportunity to address some of our community’s most pressing social issues including hunger, literacy, environmental justice, and immigration.

- **Enrichment and Training:** Bonners further develop their personal, leadership, and professional skills through weekly enrichment and training activities that complement their service as part of their work-study assignment.

- **Peer Support:** The Bonner Leaders Program cultivates a supportive community of students on campus whose common focus on service gives them a sense of purpose and meaning.

Eligibility & Requirements

- **Bonner** is open to first-year students who are eligible for a Federal Work-Study award.

- Bonners must commit to a community internship (approximately 6-8 hours/week) at an assigned community partner site and attend enrichment activities (including a weekly Bonner meeting Mondays 6-8 pm) as part of their work-study assignment.

* In order to be eligible for Federal Work-Study, you and your parents must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). After the completion of your FAFSA, you will be notified by the Financial Aid Office of your aid for the upcoming school year. In this notification, you will see whether or not you have received a work-study award. (Note: If your financial situation changes, either due to changes in your family circumstances or because of receiving additional scholarships, we strongly encourage you to continue in the program.)

** While off-campus service often requires more effort than other work-study positions, students receive training in how to handle their time efficiently. They also receive ongoing staff support, mentoring from their community partners, and fellowship from the Bonner community.