



What is a Bonner Congress Project Proposal?

Attending Bonner Congress Meetings gives students the inspiration, leadership orientation, and resources to make changes in their Bonner Program, on their campuses, and in their community. Beginning this year, the Bonner Foundation asks that all Congress Representatives prepare for our annual meetings by proposing a big idea to tackle. Please submit your proposal on the Bonner Network Wiki by September 18, 2009 and come to the Fall Congress Meeting ready to work with other people from the national network to make your big idea a reality.

Proposal Content

I. Background

- Please give a brief history of the challenges you have chosen to tackle with your big idea.

II. Big Idea

- Please describe your “big idea” for improving this area.
- What are the specific issues, needs, or gaps your idea seeks to improve?
- Please discuss what the symptoms of this issue, need, or gap, or the challenges that have been evident because of this issue, have been. How did you find out?

III. Plan of Action

- Bonner Congress Representatives need to reach out to and involve other Bonners, students, staff, faculty, and community members and to mobilize their support. Name at least one of each (student, staff, faculty, and community member) that your “big idea” will involve. How do you plan to reach them?
- Please illustrate how your “big idea” address the root issues of the problems you are working with.
- What are a few of the skills, topics, and best practices you would hope to learn by being a part of the Bonner Congress to put your idea into action?
- Please briefly describe how being a Congress Rep with help you to implement your “big idea”



Proposal Submission

Please submit your proposal on the Bonner Network Wiki (<http://bonnernetnetwork.pbworks.com/Bonner-Congress-Project-Proposal/>). You can submit your proposal in one of two formats:

- **Written Proposal:** To submit a written proposal through the wiki please reference the proposal example and fill in the proposal template. To submit simply click “save.”
- **Video Proposal:** Before you begin your video, please complete the length of film guide and the storyboard worksheet. After filming, upload your video to YouTube and post the YouTube video on the wiki.