

# The Bonner Program: History & Introduction

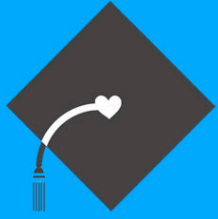
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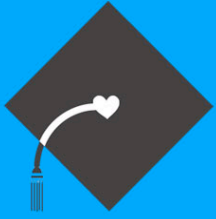
# History



# The Bonner Foundation: Facts



- **Founded by:** Corella and Bertrum F. Bonner Foundation
- **Source of Wealth:** Real Estate, Construction, and Investments
- **Located:** Princeton, New Jersey
- **Established:** 1989
- **Foundation Focus:** Anti-Poverty
- **Major Program Focus:** Bonner Scholar Program, Bonner Leader Program and Local Anti-Hunger Initiatives
- **Total amount of funds committed to Higher Education:** \$200 M
- **Foundation Motto:** *Access To Education, Opportunity to Serve*
- **Number of Bonner Scholars and Leaders Annually:** 2,500
- **Alumni of the Bonner Program:** 10,000+



# The Bonner Foundation: History & Programs

## **Crisis Ministry Program**

- Supports Congregationally-affiliated hunger relief initiatives

## **Bonner Scholar Program**

- Began at Berea College in 1990-91
- Currently 1,500 students on 27 campuses in 12 states
- More than 5,500+ Bonner Scholar alumni

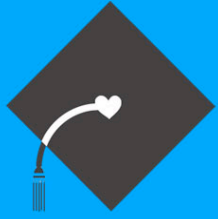
## **Bonner Leader Program**

- Began in mid-1990s in New Jersey
- Currently 1,500+ students on 50+ campuses

## **Other**

- Civic Engagement Academic Journey
- Community-Based Research
- PolicyOptions.org

**Goals**



# The Bonner Program: Integrated Approach

Student  
Development  
*Access to Education*



Campus  
Infrastructure  
*Create a culture of service*

Community  
Impact  
*Change the count*



# The Bonner Program: Reinforcing Goals

## Students

*To afford college students an opportunity to use their energy, talents, and leadership skills to engage in community service while providing developmental and financial support.*

## Campus

*To challenge and strengthen a “culture of service” in which the school’s teaching, research, and service mission are integrated and every student, faculty, and staff is encouraged to serve.*

## Community

*To facilitate greater cooperation and communication between the campus and the community by channeling the energies and talents of college students faculty, and staff to help address the challenges and opportunities of a local community.*

## Higher Education

*To form a consortium of diverse higher education institutions sharing a common commitment to service and to serve as a successful model to other institutions which are interested in starting service-based scholarship programs.*

**Model**





# The Bonner Program: The Five E's Student Development Model

**Expertise:** Integrate service passions with academic endeavor & career exploration (team leader/ specialist)

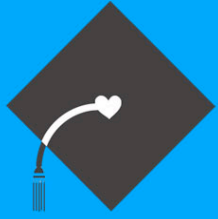
**Example:** Serve as project leader at local agencies and recruit & train new volunteers (project coordinator)

**Experience:** focus placement on a particular issue and/or organization (regular volunteer)

**Exploration:** orientation, multiple service sites, immersion experiences (occasional volunteer)

**Expectation:** students are selected, prepared, and filled with expectation.





# The Bonner Program: Six Common Commitments

## **Civic Engagement:**

*Participate intentionally as a citizen in the democratic process, actively engaging in public policy and direct service.*

## **International Perspective:**

*Develop international understanding that enables Bonners to participate successfully in a global society.*

## **Community**

**Building:** *Establish and sustain a vibrant community of place, personal relationships and common interests.*



## **Social Justice:**

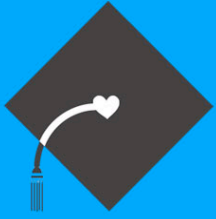
*Advocate for fairness, impartiality and equality while addressing systemic social and environmental issues.*

**Diversity:** *Respect the many different dimensions of diversity in our public lives.*

## **Spiritual Exploration:**

*Explore personal beliefs while respecting the spiritual practices of others.*

**Emphasis**



# The Bonner Program: Areas of Emphasis

**Global**



**Politics**

**Poverty**



# The Bonner Program: Seven Global Challenges

1. Global Warming & Environmental Challenges
2. Establishing Economic Justice
3. Presence of Poverty
4. Addressing Public Health and Health Care
5. Rise in Fundamentalism
6. Increase in War and Violence
7. Vulnerability of Woman and Children