

# BONNER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### *Junior & Senior Bonner Scholar Leadership Fund for the 2005-06 Academic Year*

At the end of each academic year, the Foundation is able to determine the amount of unexpended program money due to under-enrollment or lack of proposals for certain funds (i.e., local summer service, rising senior summer living, etc.). With the unexpended funds from the 2004-05 academic year, the Bonner Foundation has created a Bonner Scholars Program Leadership Fund. Schools will have the opportunity to submit a proposal to the Bonner Foundation for supplemental funding of enrichment activities that involve Bonner Scholars who are in their junior or senior year. The goal of these initiatives should be to specifically enhance student learning and development, not simply to implement current aspects of the Bonner Scholars Program.

Schools will be allowed to request additional funds for the following activities involving Bonner Scholars in their junior and senior years:

- service trips (not including the 1st year service trip), with an emphasis on international perspective;
- internships and activities involving specific national Bonner Partners organizations (see attached list);
- initiatives that involve junior or senior Bonner Scholars in connecting service to an academic course;
- joint service projects with junior or senior Bonner Scholars and Bonner Leaders from other schools (excluding sophomore service exchanges);
- participation in service and leadership initiatives organized through the Bonner Congress or for Senior Interns (not including the regularly scheduled meetings for these students).

Schools that receive annual support from the Bonner Foundation will receive these funds directly from the Bonner Foundation in the form of a grant. The unexpended funds from each year from all the non-endowed school would be identified and placed into a pooled fund out of which it will be made available each year through a Request for Proposals process through which they could apply for funding.

Schools with Bonner Scholar Endowments will withdraw these funds from their Bonner endowments with written approval from the Bonner Foundation. These funds would be set aside on a per school basis for a maximum of two years. These funds would either be used during this time, or at the end of two years, they would be returned to the school's Bonner Endowment.

- Proposals for Winter & Spring 2006 activities should be submitted to the Bonner Foundation beginning by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Proposal budgets should not exceed \$10,000.
- Proposals for Summer 2006 and School Year 2006-07 should be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Proposals should not exceed \$15,000.

*Additional guidance:*

- Please submit your proposal with a cover page and in the form of a narrative, explaining what the money will be used for. Please clearly present the budget and the amount that is being requested from Bonner.
- Budget addendum:
  - For every 10 students, Bonner will fund a staff member. If there are 20 students, Bonner will fund 2 staff members.
  - For international trips up to 10 days, there is a \$600/participant cap.
  - For international trips 10 days or longer there is \$750/participant cap.
  - For conferences, there is a \$250 cap for participants.
  - Students must first expend their Sr. Enrichment before requesting Leadership Fund money as a supplement.
  - No funding available from this category for COOL Conference; instead, schools should be accessing support for the COOL Conference from the Rising Senior Enrichment Fund and/or the Community Fund.
- Please allow one month from the time you submit your proposal to the time you get an approval. You are welcome to call Krista and check in, understanding that you still may have to wait a month to hear back officially.
- Though you will hear from us about the status of your proposal, the official letter will always be sent to the president's office.