March 7, 2005

Dear,

I am writing to invite you to apply for a very exciting opportunity. The Bonner Scholars Program is always on the lookout for current upperclassmen to fill positions left open by Bonners that are no longer with us. We would like you to consider applying for one of those positions.

After completing the preliminary research, we have found that you meet the three basic criteria for the program: your estimated family contribution (according to last year's FAFSA) is below \$9,500, your cumulative GPA is near or above a 2.5 (minimum 2.5 mandatory), and you have the right amount of credit hours to qualify!

Enclosed, you will find an informational brochure/application for the Union College Bonner Scholars Program. Please look over it carefully. I would encourage you to apply if you are passionate about helping others, want to be part of a close-knit team, and want to learn more about your community and your role in it.

The Bonner Scholars Program requires hard work. Our Bonners serve in the community an average of 10 hours each week and 280 hours over the summer in addition to leading campus-wide service projects and attending weekly training meetings. In exchange, they earn scholarship money, travel the country on service trips and internships, make new friends, and are a part of a national community service movement.

If you want to be a part of our team, complete the enclosed application, including essays and three letters of recommendation, by **April 27, 2005**. Your application will then be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of faculty, staff, students, and local community leaders. A member of this committee will contact you for a phone interview as well.

If you have any questions regarding the Bonner Scholars Program or other community service opportunities at Union College, please contact me at 606-546-1602.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Luxenberger
Director, Common Partners Program
Coordinator, Bonner Scholars Program

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