

3. What is your definition of community service? Why is it important to you?

4. Explain the connection between your service work and your education. What value do you place on your education, and in what way did your family experience shape your view?

5. Respond to the following questions in no more than 200 words:

- A. In your opinion, what is the most serious ethical dilemma facing the world today? Why? How do you think one person can bring about real change in this area?
- B. What does this quote mean to you: "I was taught that the world had a lot of problems; that I could struggle and change them; that intellectual and material gifts brought the privilege and responsibility of sharing with others less fortunate; and that service is the rent each of us pays for living—the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time or after you have reached your personal goals." (Marian Wright Edelman)

Please list the names and phone numbers of your three references:

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

References for Bonner Leader Application:

Please ask three individuals, not related to you, who are familiar with your community service involvement and/or your family responsibilities, to write a letter of recommendation for you. Each of these letters should be placed in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature written across the seal.

Each of your references should address the following questions within the context of their letters.

- Bonner Leaders must work with other participants and with people of diverse backgrounds. How would you rate this applicant's ability to build relationships with other people?
- Due to the nature of the leadership positions, Bonner Leaders often work in conditions of hardship or inconvenience. They must be able to deal with new and changing living conditions, limited financial resources, and considerable amounts of stress. With these considerations in mind, how would you rate the applicant on his/her ability to work under pressure, ability to adapt, and use of good judgment?
- Please describe the applicant's abilities, interest, skills, training, experience, and eagerness to continue developing these areas. Discuss any reservations you have or weaknesses you see in the applicant that could affect his or her success.
- Please give an overall recommendation for the applicant's candidacy to the Bonner Leader Program.

References should also include: applicants name, reference's name, reference's address and phone, how long references has known applicant and in what capacity.

Return completed application and references to:

Bonner Leader Program
Lindsey Wilson College
210 Lindsey Wilson Street
Columbia, KY 42728