



BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM

Housed within Sewanee's Office of Civic Engagement, the Bonner Leaders Program is a four-year, service-based, paid internship that enables students to serve and learn from community partner organizations throughout the South Cumberland region. Currently, the program engages 40 Sewanee students each year (10 from each class) in activities ranging from coordinating food and supply drives to providing ESL instruction and leading art and music therapy outreach. Recent service sites include the Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands, Housing Sewanee, Early Literacy Ambassadors, and Animal Harbor, among others.

Bonner leaders receive a \$1,000 scholarship each year, along with work-study support (\$2,180/year). Students are supervised and mentored by community leaders and participate in trainings, workshops, and presentations led by nonprofit industry professionals.

As they collaborate with site leaders in conceptualizing and implementing outreach activities, Bonner leaders gain valuable lifelong skills. Benefits of program participation include:

- *The opportunity to cultivate and explore personal, professional, and academic interests.*
- *The ability to develop and grow communication and dialogue skills, perspective taking, asset mapping, and civic agency.*
- *Growth in knowledge of socioeconomic issues affecting local populations.*

CLASS OF 1974 OPPORTUNITY

Sewanee's Bonner Leaders program is connected to the national Bonner Program, which includes more than 60 colleges and universities. The national program is now considering providing an endowment to Sewanee's program, but matching funds are required. A Class of 1974 Endowed Fund for the Bonner Leaders Program could provide a major boost toward securing national funding. The class's endowed fund would help to cover a range of costs associated with program activities.

More information about the Bonner Leaders Program is available at:
new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/office-of-civic-engagement/ce-programs/bonner-leaders-program
