

Bonner Leader Application

Bonner Leaders commit to a community internship of approximately 8-10 hours/week and 1.5 hours/bi-weekly for enrichment and training activities (total of 280 required hours).

Please respond yes or no to the following question.

Will you be a resident on campus during your time as a Bonner Leader?

Yes _____ No _____

If you have marked NO to the above question, you will not qualify as a Bonner Leader. Please do not proceed in filling out this application.

SECTION 1: Biographical Information

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name: _____

Middle Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Major/Intended Major: _____ Will you be playing on any NDMU sports teams? _____

Are you eligible for Federal Work Study? _____ If you are a rising freshman, have you accepted your offer for admission yet? _____

What cohort will you represent if you are chosen as a Bonner leader? Freshman or Sophomore? (circle one)
Note: The Bonner program only considers Freshman and Sophomores for the program.

Contact Information

Telephone number: _____

E-mail address (NDMU e-mail address – if you have one): _____

Demographic Information (Optional)

Race _____ Ethnicity _____

Are you a first-generation college student? _____

SECTION 2: Service Experience

In a prospective Bonner Leader, we look for students who have shown dedication to activities of importance in their lives. Please list and describe the service activities in which you have been involved over the past three years. These can include **on-going weekly or monthly service commitments, special events and**

short-term service projects, significant family responsibilities, employment and/or summer service projects. Please submit a 1-page resume highlighting your leadership and service activities.

SECTION 3: Questions

Please answer each question with *no more* than 500 words each.

1. The Bonner Leaders Program is committed to the belief that students have the ability to work toward addressing significant social issues through their service and leadership. Describe a social, political or economic issue that is important to you. In what ways have you been involved in this issue?
2. Describe one of your service activities in detail, explaining your motivation to participate, the impact your service had on the community, and what you learned from the experience.
3. What will you uniquely bring to the NDMU Bonner Leaders program? What do you hope to gain from participating in the program?
4. What is your understanding of service vs. volunteering? What motivates you to serve?

SECTION 4: Fun facts

When I am not out trying to save the world, I like to _____.

List a special skill/talent _____.

SECTION 5: Letters of Recommendation

Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who have firsthand knowledge of your service experience, character, abilities, and commitment to engage in your community. Recommendation letters can be submitted via e-mail to the Office of Service and Community Engagement at ynowak@ndm.edu. Recommendations should be received by April 1, 2026 to be considered for the program.

Please provide the contact information for your references:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Applications from rising freshmen and rising sophomores should be received by April 1, 2026.

Please submit applications and questions to:

the Office of Service and Community Engagement at ynowak@ndm.edu