



THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

BONNER SCHOLARS

2023 APPLICATION

PRIORITY DEADLINE: 3/10/23 AT MIDNIGHT

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Bonner Scholars

WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in the TCNJ Bonner Community Scholars program. Please review the following instructions carefully to ensure your application is complete before submitting. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at bonner@tcnj.edu.

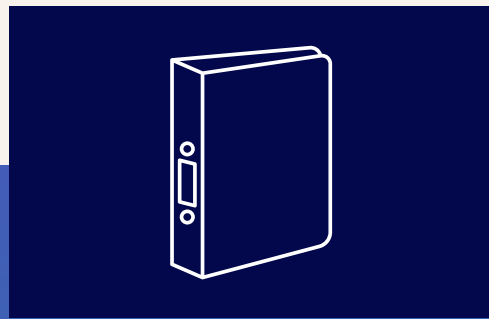
Best of luck and we look forward to reviewing your application soon!



KATIE KAHN

Bonner Program Manager

Two Options: Portfolio or Video



OPTION 1: PORTFOLIO

Submit up to **five** documents in response to our "questions to consider."

You **must** include a **resume** and a **statement of purpose**.

You can select from a variety of other supporting documents that best represent YOU!

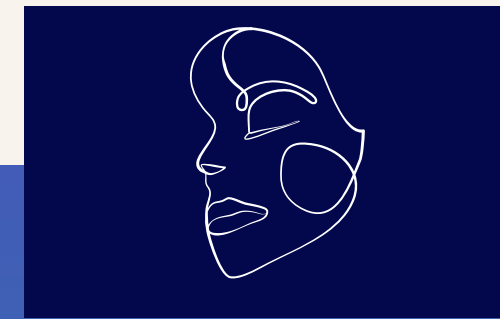


OPTION 2: VIDEO

Create a video in response to our "questions to consider."

The video **must** be **no more than 5 minutes** in length.

You can get creative with the format and content of the video!



QUALITIES WE LOOK FOR:

Open Mind
Resilience
Empathy
Passion
Self-Reflection
Communication

Option 1: The Portfolio



Please submit **five** appropriate items of tangible evidence, demonstrating your response to each of the questions to consider, as well as your understanding, use, growth, and reasonable mastery of each quality that we seek in future Bonner Scholars. You **must** submit one **resume**, one **statement of purpose**, and three supporting documents (can be any combination of items 3, 4, and 5). Please do not submit more than two of the same kind of document (for example, no more than two letters of recommendation).

To Include in Your Portfolio:

- Resume or list of engagements/activities throughout HS (1 page/500 word maximum)*
- Statement of purpose/Statement of philosophy (1 page/500 word maximum)*
- Certifications, awards - Please add 100 word explanation/description of each award/certificate
- Letter of recommendation (1 page/500 word maximum)
 - With contact information (email and phone number)
 - On official letterhead
 - Signed and dated
- Writing/work sample (1-2 pages/1000 word maximum)
 - Examples include: lesson plan, website, artwork, essay, project, report, poem, PSA, video
 - Please note: any video should be 60 seconds or less. If you have a longer video to submit, please complete the video application rather than the portfolio.

Portfolios must be submitted as a **single PDF file**. We will not accept more than one file per candidate. Please name your PDF file with your first and last name, and portfolio response
(**example:**
Doe.Jane.PortfolioResponseBonner.pdf).

* = Required

Option 2: The Video



Please submit a video or recorded presentation of **no longer than five (5) minutes**. Videos longer than 5 minutes will not be considered and will receive no credit. The video should depict your response to each of the questions to consider, as well as your understanding, use, growth, and reasonable mastery of each quality that we seek in future Bonner Scholars. This is an opportunity to showcase your passion and skills through creativity and verbal communication. Files must be submitted via a private YouTube link.

Possible Video Formats:

- Create a slideshow presentation and record yourself giving the presentation
- Speak directly to the camera to tell us about yourself and reflect on the "questions to consider"
- Create an animation to creatively respond to the prompts
- Compile a reel of previous film projects you have completed to depict your passions and skills
- ...And many more! Get creative with your response!

Videos must be no longer than five (5) minutes in length. Videos must be submitted via a private YouTube link. Please share the YouTube link but do not share publicly.

On the YouTube page, include a short (500 words or less) explanation of the video.



Questions To Consider

Note: These should NOT be responded to as short essays. These are just things to consider while assembling your application!

How have you committed to, or demonstrated one or more of the qualities we look for in Bonners?

What is something you'd like to share about yourself that we wouldn't know about you by looking at your resume?

When things feel out of control, how do you create balance, peace, or calm in your life?

What are you passionate about?
What do you care deeply about?

How do you want to contribute to the lives of future generations and what motivates you to contribute in this way?

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?

The priority deadline is **Friday, March 10, 2023 at midnight**. Applications submitted after that deadline will be considered on a rolling basis, but will NOT be guaranteed a response before May 1, 2023.

IF I DON'T GET IN, CAN I REAPPLY?

Yes! If you are not offered a scholarship upon your first attempt, we encourage you to try again. You may refer to our scoring rubric, and request feedback by emailing us at bonner@tcnj.edu. You can also volunteer with us if you are a current TCNJ student.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE A RESPONSE ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

First Year Students: Successful priority applicants will be invited for an **interview in late March**, and all priority applicants will be notified of their determination by May 1. Applications received after the priority deadline will be notified on a rolling basis dependent on the availability of scholarship funds.


Current TCNJ Students and Transfer Students: Your application will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Final scholarship offers for upperclassmen cannot be made prior to June 2023, so we ask you to be patient with us as we value your application highly!

Frequently Asked Questions



HOW DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP WORK?

We make an effort to award each **in-state** Bonner Scholar a **50-100% tuition scholarship**. The funds can only be used for tuition, they can not cover other costs such as room and board. The scholarship is renewable each year, for up to four years (eight semesters) as long as the Bonner Scholar fulfills all requirements of the program. The amount and method of payment is different for each student, depending on a number of factors including FAFSA and participation in other scholarship programs. If you have a specific funding question, please contact us at bonner@tcnj.edu.



ARE THERE OTHER BENEFITS TO THE PROGRAM ASIDE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes! The TCNJ Bonner Program provides students with biweekly leadership and social justice **training**, **professional development** opportunities, national and international **service trips**, and a **community** of caring and engaged individuals. Our extensive alumni network spans the globe with over 18,000 successful and civically engaged professionals who are proud to be graduates of the Bonner Program.

READY TO APPLY?

Click Here to access the application!

Or, copy and paste this link into your browser:

https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_agxmArsM41jCYGW

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