

# Averett 101 Peer Mentor & Bonner Leader

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## Overview of the Program

The Bonner Leader program is a 3-4 year leadership program that educates, equips and inspires students to engage our local community and beyond through a partnership with the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation. Averett University is cultivating its own program, connected to the national program under the Bonner Foundation. Beginning in Fall 2017, 16 incoming students and sixteen current freshmen will be recruited to enter an engaging, community-based leadership program in which they will gain the tools to build community relationships and effectively meet regional needs. These students will galvanize the Averett student body, in a continuing effort to develop a culture of service.

Once a student is selected and enrolls in the Bonner Leader Program, he or she commits to a series of expectations. Each Bonner will:

- Attend a Bonner orientation before the beginning of the Fall semester.
- Make community service and leadership development a priority, in part by attending regular meetings and Bonner leadership development activities.
- Participate in a student developmental model that challenges and supports each Bonner Leader to develop her or his skills, knowledge, commitments, and responsibilities.
- Commit to working with a group of diverse and similarly engaged students.
- Complete at least 100 hours of community service and leadership training during each semester.

The first Bonner Leader and Peer Mentor semester will include:

- 25 hours of Summer training and preparing service-learning project;
- 15 hours (1 hour/week) co-teaching in Averett 101;
- 15 hours (1 hour/week) enrolled in IDS 250: Averett 101 Mentoring;
- 15 hours (1 hour/week) team building, discussing best practices, and updating each other in weekly meeting;
- 30 hours (2 hours/week) volunteering on site and coordinating volunteers.

Bonner Leaders will bolster the success of Averett 101 by mentoring and co-teaching with a faculty member. Bonner Leaders/Peer Mentors will play key roles in assisting first-year students with their transitions to Averett and act as a resource to guide students to various opportunities. In addition, Bonner Leaders/ Peer Mentors will serve as role models that students should feel comfortable to approach at any time with questions or concerns. This program allows mentors to earn academic credit and simultaneously gain leadership, teaching, and communication skills while introducing fellow Cougars to Averett's culture of service.

## Requirements

- Minimum 2.5 Cumulative GPA
- Ability to communicate effectively with first-year students
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Demonstrate pride in Averett and ability to share experiences with others
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner when representing the university
- Move in early to attend summer training on campus

## Peer Mentor Responsibilities

- Attend your assigned Averett 101 class each week
- Attend and enroll in the IDS 250: Averett 101 Mentoring class, according to the schedule
- Connect students with University resources
- Listen to student issues and meet with them one-on-one
- Lead students during in-class activities or help coordinate out-of-class activities
- Respond to e-mails
- Review and keep track of student assignments and attendance
- Present topics and lead discussions relevant to first-year students

## Benefits

- \$1,200 annual stipend (may or may not include Federal Work Study)
- Gain leadership, teaching, communication, peer counseling, planning and presentation skills
- Connect and work closely with a faculty member
- Connect and work closely with a community partner to meet a local need
- Meet Bonner Leaders at Averett and other Universities through the National Bonner Network of 60,000+ leaders

## TIMELINE

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| Tuesday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>                                                               | Applications are due to CCECC. <b>Make sure to sign up for an interview time!</b>           |
| Wednesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 12:30 pm<br>Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 12:30 pm | Bonner Leader & Peer Mentor Open Houses for additional information and to ask any questions |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>                                                     | Bonner Leader & Peer Mentor Small Group Interviews                                          |
| Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>                                                              | Bonner Leader & Peer Mentors notified/announced                                             |
| February & March                                                                                | Monitor email for updates on instructor pairing and course scheduling                       |

**Bonner Leader & Peer Mentor Application - Fall 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <p>Has an instructor requested you to be their Peer Mentor?                      Yes _____      No _____</p> <p>If yes, please fill in his/her name.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> |
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Why do you want to be a Bonner Leader & Peer Mentor? Briefly explain. (Please attach a separate piece of paper if needed.)

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In your opinion, what do you think are three to four key things one must do when serving as a role model?

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Please list any other commitments (On/Off Campus Job, Athletic Team, Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader, etc.)

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Please also attach a **résumé**. (You may schedule an appointment with Ms. Angie McAdams at the CCECC to develop your résumé.) Applications are due to Tia Yancey at the CCECC by **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 4:30pm.**  
Remember to sign up for an interview time when handing in your application!