



**Ronald E. McNair
Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program
Wayne State University**

The Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program is one of the U.S. Department of Education-funded TRIO Programs, a group of eight outreach programs designed to support and assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to attainment of a post-baccalaureate degree. The McNair Program funds four-year, post-secondary institutions to increase the number of doctoral degrees earned by students from underrepresented populations. Institutions work closely with McNair participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements to encourage them to enroll in graduate programs and to track their progress through to the successful completion of advanced degrees.

Some of the **BENEFITS** McNair Scholars receive include:

- Academic, personal, and career counseling
- Tutoring
- Financial Aid assistance
- Faculty & staff mentoring
- Research opportunities
- Research presentation experience
- Graduate school preparation
- Developmental workshops & seminars
- Summer internships & stipends
- Professional & academic conferences

Students must meet the following **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** to be considered for the McNair Achievement Program:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America
- Considered low income, first-generation college student, and/or a member of a traditionally underrepresented group in higher education (e.g. African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or student with a disability)
 - *According to Federal government guidelines, a first-generation student is one whose parents have not earned a Bachelor's degree. If you lived with only one parent before the age of 18, consider the educational status of only that parent.*
- Aspiring to pursue graduate studies with the goal of earning a Ph.D.
 - *Students wishing to pursue law, dentistry, medicine, optometry or veterinary careers are not eligible for this program unless they intend to do a dual degree that includes a Ph.D.*
- Cumulative grade point average of **2.8 or higher**
- Full-time student at Wayne State enrolled in a minimum of **12 credit hours, priority.**
- No less than 36 credits until degree completion
- **Declared Major**
- Participants of LSAMP, Math Corps and STEM related Student Organizations are strongly encouraged to apply

Please note: If selected to participate in the McNair Scholars Program and receive a research stipend, there will be a stipend associated with your overall financial aid package. This means that when you receive the McNair stipend the Wayne State University Office of Student Financial Aid may adjust your aid package to make sure you do not go over your eligibility.

Please complete and submit all application materials to:

**McNair Scholars Program
Office of Federal TRIO
Wayne State University
5700 Cass Avenue, Suite 1330
Detroit, MI 48202
ATTN: Marie Villanueva 9710@wayne.edu**





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Participant Application Packet

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Major: _____ SSN: _____ Banner ID: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident

Gender as listed on Government issued ID:
 Male Female

Gender Pronouns: _____

Resident Alien # (if applicable): _____

Ethnicity:

- African American/Black (other than Hispanic)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Other _____

Enrollment Status:

- Full-time
- Part-time

Disability: Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Past TRIO Participation:

- Yes
- No

Mark ALL statements that best describe your first-generation college student status:

- Neither of your natural or adoptive parent(s) have received a four-year college degree.
- You are from a single-parent household and lived with a parent prior to the age of 18, and that parent has not received a four-year college degree.
- You were an orphan or ward of the court.
- None of these statements apply.

List all financial assistance you are currently receiving, including scholarships and work study:

Academic Standing as of Fall 2018:

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Faculty Mentor

The McNair Scholars Program includes a Summer Research Institute, in which Scholars complete a research project with a faculty mentor. It is important that each student work closely with a faculty mentor in their field to learn specific details about graduate school expectations related to the field of study. The McNair Scholars Program insists students have early contact with faculty and work to identify prospective mentors. Please list up to 3 prospective faculty mentors, their department and email.

	Faculty Mentor Name	Department	Email
1.			
2.			
3.			

Essay

Please write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, research interest, your ideas on what a doctoral degree can do for you, your reason for wanting to participate in the McNair Program and your desire to teach at the college level or conduct scholarly research. *Essay must be typed, a minimum of 300 words, and well-written. Excessive grammatical errors will affect participant's eligibility.*

Complete the following checklist to ensure you have submitted all information required to receive full consideration.

Participant Application Packet (completed accurately)

Academic Plan signed by your academic advisor

Essay

Resume

Two (2) Student Recommendation Forms

At least one must be completed by a teaching faculty member in your department and the other may be completed by an academic advisor, college counselor, or work supervisor. If you are or were a participant in another TRIO program, one from your counselor or director of that program.

Unofficial college transcript

Copy of your or your parent's filed federal 2017 income tax documents

Dependent students are only required to submit their parents' information and independent students are only required to submit their personal information. Dependency status determined by Federal Aid regulations.

I certify that all the information, including financial and family documentation, provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the McNair Program and the Office of Federal TRIO to have access to my school records and understand that these records may be used for program purposes.

Signature

Date



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Student Recommendation Form

Student Application – Please complete the following information. Type or print legibly.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

I hereby waive do not waive my right to have access to this recommendation as so to indicate by my signature below. I understand that this waiver will not affect my admission or my ability to receive any services provided by the McNair Program.

Signature

Date

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Please evaluate the following qualities of the applicant by marking the appropriate responses.

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Open-mindedness					
Perseverance					
Dependability					
Emotional Maturity					
Oral Expression					
Written Expression					
Work Independently					
Cooperative					
Motivation/Initiative					
Intellectual ability					

Please provide any additional comments and/or assessments of the applicant's ability to participate in the program. We appreciate your candid appraisal.

Continue on a separate page if necessary.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company/Department: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature

Date

Please deliver or email completed form to:

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We sincerely thank you for taking the time to complete this form to help us with our selection process. We also appreciate your support of the Program and the students that we serve.