



Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program 2019 - 2020 Participant Application

*"Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them.
You're eagles! Stretch your wings and fly to the sky."*

- Dr. Ronald E. McNair

What is the McNair Scholars Program?

Eligible sophomores, juniors and seniors may now explore the advantages of pursuing graduate education through the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program (*McNair Scholars Program*) at Wichita State University. The Program offers research participation, scholarly experiences and preparation for graduate school. Students are encouraged to pursue graduate study in preparation for careers as college-level professors and researchers. The Program focuses on serving first-generation students with limited income and student populations underrepresented in graduate education, such as African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

What are the advantages of participating in the McNair Scholars Program?

The following activities are planned for student participants in the McNair Scholars Program:

- Mentoring with prominent WSU faculty
- Tutoring for courses and the development of writing skills
- Assistance completing graduate school applications and writing effective personal statements
- Campus visits to other universities and graduate school programs
- Faculty-led seminars for graduate school preparation
- Counseling to identify financial aid for graduate school, including assistantships and fellowships
- Undergraduate research participation with a professor through the Research Component
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) preparation
- Support to attend national conferences and opportunities to present research
- Publication opportunities in the WSU McNair Journal of Research Reports

How do I apply for the McNair Scholars Program?

Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed a minimum of **40 credit hours** by **Summer 2019**, with reasonable plans for completing your degree
2. Be currently attending Wichita State University as a full-time student enrolled in a minimum of **12 credit hours**
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.75** or a GPA of **3.00** or better in the last **60 credit hours**
4. Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States
5. Neither of your parents have received a 4-year college degree *or* be eligible to receive the federal Pell grant
6. Be a member of an ethnic group underrepresented in graduate education, i.e. African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Participants of Student Support Services and Disability Support Services are strongly encouraged to apply.

To submit the application package, please send the following by **Friday, March 29, 2019**:

- ✓ Completed McNair Scholars Program application along with a **personal statement** and **research proposal**
- ✓ Current (*unofficial*) transcript
- ✓ Copy of applicant's and/or parents' filed **2018 Federal Income Tax Return** documents
- ✓ Three recommendation letters/forms, any combination of those listed below:
 - one (1) from a **teaching faculty member** in your department
 - one (1) from an **academic adviser** or **college counselor**
 - if you are a former TRIO participant, one (1) from your **TRIO counselor/director**
 - one (1) from a **work supervisor**

Submit all application materials to: McNair Scholars Program • Wichita State University
1845 N. Fairmount • 173 Grace Wilkie Annex
Wichita, KS 67260-0199 • phone: 316-978-3139 • fax: 316-978-3439
<https://www.wichita.edu/academics/gradschool/mcnair/>



Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program Participant Application

Please Print Neatly or Type

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ WSU ID #: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street
City State Zip Code

Telephone: Home () Work () Cell ()

Email: _____ Fax: _____

II. ELIGIBILITY:

Citizenship

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident Alien Number # _____
(provide a copy of your alien registration card)
- Place of birth _____

Ethnicity *(mark all that apply)*

- African American/Black Asian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White
- Other _____

Gender

- Male
- Female

Status

- Full-time
- Part-time

Past TRIO Participation *(or like programs)* *(mark all that apply):* YES or NO

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication UB | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Search/Project Discovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Support Services | <input type="checkbox"/> McNair Scholars Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound Math/Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Opportunity Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Disability Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GEAR UP | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Support Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Upward Bound |

Mark the statement that best describes your first-generation college student status:

- Neither of your natural or adoptive parents 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.
- Prior to the age of 18, you did not live with or receive support from a natural or adoptive parent. In other words, you were an orphan or a ward of the court.
- None of these statements apply.

Education attainment of mother:

- Highest Grade Completed Not Sure 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
- High School Diploma General Educational Development Test (GED)
- College Degree Earned No Degree Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

Education attainment of father:

- Highest Grade Completed Not Sure 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
- High School Diploma General Educational Development Test (GED)
- College Degree Earned No Degree Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

With whom did you regularly reside and receive support from before the age of 18?

- Mother only Father only Both Other _____

Important: ***submit a copy of your and/or your parents' completed 2018 Federal Income Tax Return***

Provide the contact information of two people who will know your whereabouts at all times:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

III. EDUCATION INFORMATION: *provide the following academic information and unofficial copies of your academic transcripts*

Class standing at the end of Summer 2019: sophomore junior senior

Major Course of Study: _____ Minor(s): _____

Cumulative: Credit Hours _____ Grade Point Average _____

Major: Credit Hours _____ Grade Point Average _____

Anticipated graduation date for bachelor's degree: _____

List all academic distinctions, leadership activities and/or honorary achievements:

List all financial assistance you are currently receiving, including scholarships: *(if available, attach a copy of your FAFSA letter)*

Did you attend community/junior college? No Yes , if so what school _____

List the names of the most recent colleges/universities you attended prior to attending Wichita State.

Institution	GPA	Date of Enrollment	

How did you hear about the McNair Program? _____

Which of the following best describes your commitment to attend graduate school? *(check one)*

- 1. I am thinking about going to graduate school and would like to explore my options.
- 2. I am going to graduate school after working for one or two years.
- 3. I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving a bachelor's degree, but it will depend on available financial assistance.
- 4. I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving a bachelor's degree, with or without financial assistance.
- 5. I have made a firm commitment to get a master's degree, but I am unsure about a doctorate.
- 6. I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school and complete a doctoral degree.

My highest degree objective is:

- Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctorate of Philosophy-Ph.D. Doctorate of Education-Ed.D.
- Other Doctorate _____

What discipline will you study? _____

List two (2) graduate schools/programs that are of interest to you:

1. _____
Institution Program City State

2. _____
Institution Program City State

Personal Statement:

In 300 – 500 of your own words, write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, your strengths and weaknesses regarding preparation for graduate study, plans to attain a doctoral degree, and how a doctorate is essential to those pursuits.

IV. RESEARCH INTEREST:

Research Proposal:

In your own words describe the research interest/question that will be the basis of your McNair project and proposed methods for implementing it.

Provide the name and department of two (2) WSU faculty members who you believe would be ideal mentors for your research interest.

1. _____
2. _____

V. CHECKLIST:

Complete the following checklist to ensure you have submitted all information required to receive full consideration, and then read the certifying statement and sign your name.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Every question is completely answered | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your and/or your parents' filed 2018 income tax documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College transcripts (<i>unofficial</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Proposal |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Pre-Needs Survey |

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

Signature

Date

Ronald E. McNair: A 20th Century Hero

Education: Ronald Ervin McNair was born on October 21, 1950, in South Carolina. He graduated *magna cum laude* from North Carolina A&T in 1971 with a B.S. in Physics. In 1976, he earned his Ph.D. in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Professional: McNair joined the Hughes Research Laboratory as a physicist specializing in laser physics. In 1976, NASA selected McNair for the space shuttle program as a mission specialist. He died in the Challenger space shuttle accident in January of 1986.

Achievements and Honors: Presidential Scholar, 1967-71; Ford Foundation Fellow, 1971-74; National Fellowship Fund Fellow, 1974-75; Omega Psi Phi Scholar of the Year, 1975; National Society of Black Professional Engineers, 1979; and Distinguished National Scientist, 1979.

Personal: McNair was married with two children. He was an accomplished jazz saxophonist and a fifth-degree black belt in karate.

Ronald E. McNair "represents an outstanding role model of achievement, especially for young Black Americans," said the South Carolina delegate to Congress. This program is dedicated to his high standard of achievement inspired by Dr. McNair's life.

Notice of Nondiscrimination:

Wichita State University does not discriminate in its employment practices, educational programs or activities on the basis of age (40 years or older), ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran. Retaliation against an individual filing or cooperating in a complaint process is also prohibited. Sexual misconduct, relationship violence and stalking are forms of sex discrimination and are prohibited under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. Complaints or concerns related to alleged discrimination may be directed to the Director of Equal Opportunity or the Title IX Coordinator, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260, telephone 316-978-3187.



Letter of Recommendation Form

The applicant is required to obtain three (3) letters of recommendation (*teaching faculty, academic adviser, work supervisor, program director or counselor*) that can address how the student's academic interest and goals make her/him well suited for the McNair Scholars Program.

Applicants should complete the shaded area to indicate if he/she would like to waive the right to view any and all letters of recommendation.

Also provide three names and contact information of your references and an electronic form will be sent to them on your behalf to complete the recommendation.

Student Applicant - Please complete the following information.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

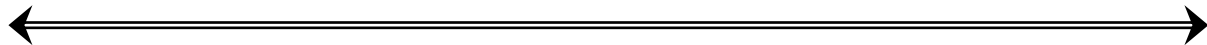
Proposed Field of Graduate Study: _____

- I voluntarily waive all rights to review the letters of recommendation.
- I do not waive all rights to review the letters of recommendation.

I understand that this waiver will not affect my admission or my ability to receive any services provided by the McNair Program.

Signature

Date



REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

List three people who will serve as your references and provide letters of recommendations.

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone#: _____

3. Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone#: _____

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McNair Scholars Pre – Needs Survey



WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF DIVERSITY AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
TRIO McNair Scholars Program

Name: _____ Grant Year: 2019 - 2020

INSTRUCTIONS: Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by selecting the appropriate box.

I. Graduate School Programming/Planning (<i>circle one</i>)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I am aware of “Senior Rule” and its policies.	5	4	3	2	1
2. I have begun to craft a personal statement.	5	4	3	2	1
3. I am aware of time management and its benefit to graduate school success.	5	4	3	2	1
4. I am familiar with the importance and impact of networking/mentoring for professional development.	5	4	3	2	1
5. I am aware of the importance of critical thinking skills for success in graduate school.	5	4	3	2	1
6. I am knowledgeable about graduate school admission process and its requirements.	5	4	3	2	1
7. I am aware that there are various entrance exams for graduate school.	5	4	3	2	1
8. I am familiar with the GRE test preparation.	5	4	3	2	1
9. I am knowledgeable of how to secure assistantships and fellowships to pay for graduate school.	5	4	3	2	1
10. I am knowledgeable about financial aid resources to pay for graduate school.	5	4	3	2	1
11. I am aware of the steps involved in obtaining a doctorate degree (PhD/EdD).	5	4	3	2	1
12. I am aware of careers at the college level.	5	4	3	2	1
TOTAL					

II. Personal Specific Skill Development (<i>circle one</i>)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I have utilized the library and its resources.	5	4	3	2	1
2. I have excellent time management skills.	5	4	3	2	1
3. I am confident with my test-taking abilities.	5	4	3	2	1
4. Public speaking comes easy for me.	5	4	3	2	1
5. I have participated in an internship.	5	4	3	2	1
6. I am pleased with my writing skills.	5	4	3	2	1
7. I have excellent money management skills.	5	4	3	2	1
8. I am involved in campus organization(s).	5	4	3	2	1
9. Community Service is a part of my regular routine.	5	4	3	2	1
10. I am comfortable traveling to different cities.	5	4	3	2	1
TOTAL					

III. Research Skills <i>(circle one)</i>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I am familiar with the process of reviewing literature.	5	4	3	2	1
2. I understand research methodology.	5	4	3	2	1
3. I am comfortable with measurement and sampling.	5	4	3	2	1
4. I am knowledgeable regarding experimental design.	5	4	3	2	1
5. I am comfortable with statistical analysis.	5	4	3	2	1
6. I understand the process of writing scholarly reports.	5	4	3	2	1
7. I am familiar with the steps of writing for publication.	5	4	3	2	1
8. I am confident with making oral presentations.	5	4	3	2	1
9. I am aware of the parts of a manuscript.	5	4	3	2	1
10. I am familiar with the term mixed-methods.	5	4	3	2	1
TOTAL					

Listed below are a number of areas that may influence your studies/work as a student. Identify the item(s) in which you may need to receive additional support.

IV. Personal-Social Development <i>(circle one)</i>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I am comfortable with my interpersonal relationships: <i>(parents, spouse, children or siblings)</i>	5	4	3	2	1
2. I am comfortable with my campus relationships: <i>(roommate, peers, faculty/ administrators)</i>	5	4	3	2	1
3. I have excellent budgeting skills and I am aware of financial literacy.	5	4	3	2	1
4. I am comfortable with my housing or living arrangements.	5	4	3	2	1
5. I have adequate resources for transportation/insurance to attend classes, program activities and work.	5	4	3	2	1
TOTAL					

Feel free to elaborate on any of the areas mentioned above.
