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Dear Prospective Scholar:

The McNair Scholars Program invites applicants for the summer 2020 cohort. The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is a U.S. Department of Education funded TRIO program. The program seeks students who are **current juniors** (graduating Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 or later) and who are considering going to graduate school directly after earning a BGSU Bachelors degree. The McNair program prepares students for graduate studies by providing opportunities to engage in paid research and to develop the skills and student/faculty mentor relationships critical to success at the graduate/doctoral level.

Eligible students must be **either** (1) first-generation and economically disadvantaged **OR** (2) from a group underrepresented at the doctoral level as designated by the U.S. Department of Education (African-American/Black, Latino/a, Native American or Pacific Islander). *The McNair staff can help you determine if you are eligible.*

Being named a McNair Scholar is both an honor and a responsibility, as there are no more than 15 Scholars selected for the program each year. McNair Scholars must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8, and have accumulated at least 45 semester hours. Applicants should be interested and able to participate in a undergraduate research project at BGSU during the summer of 2020 and to complete other preparatory activities for graduate school. A stipend and housing will be provided. Potential Scholars will be evaluated according to information supplied on the completed application, recommendations, prior academic performance, and an interview.

If you are interested, please 1) complete the following application, 2) provide a copy of either your parent(s) or your own 2018 federal tax return, 3) obtain two letters of recommendation (forms attached to this letter), 4) send us your transcript; and 5) write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, including your graduate plans, and why you would like to be a McNair Scholar.

Should you have questions or require further information, please visit the McNair webpage at <https://www.bgsu.edu/trio-programs/mcnair-scholars-program.html>  
Or contact Tiffany Menard at [tmenard@bgsu.edu](mailto:tmenard@bgsu.edu) or Kaela Murray at [kaemurr@bgsu.edu](mailto:kaemurr@bgsu.edu)

Please return completed applications to the TRIO Programs office in 292 Hayes Hall. We look forward to reviewing your application!





# RONALD E. MCNAIR

## Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program

### Participant Application Packet

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN\*: \_\_\_\_\_ BGSU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*REQUIRED: used for reporting purposes only as required by the US Dept of Education and kept confidential)

Your Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent or Parental Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent or Parental Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident

Gender:  Male  Female

Resident Alien # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

# of People in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a copy of your alien registration card.

#### Ethnicity:

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

#### Enrollment Status:

- Full-time
- Part-time

Disability:  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Past TRIO Participation:

- Yes
- No

If past TRIO participation, which program? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Academic standing you will have at *beginning* of upcoming Fall Semester:  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
Planned semester for graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative: Credit Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Major: Credit Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

List academic distinctions, leadership activities, and/or honorary achievements: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

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Which of the following best describes your commitment to attend graduate school? *Check one*

- I am thinking about going to graduate school and would like to explore my options.
- I am going to graduate school after working one or two years.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's degree, but it will be dependent on financial assistance.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's degree, with or without financial assistance.
- I have made a firm commitment to get a master's degree, but I am unsure about the PhD.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school and complete a doctorate degree.

Intended Discipline of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctorate of Philosophy – PhD  Master's Degree – MA or MS  Other \_\_\_\_\_

List the graduate schools you are interested in attending: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

Institution City State

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Identify your preferences for a research area:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the McNair Program?**

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**Please list your references:**

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Name	Title	Email	Phone
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**Complete the following checklist to ensure you have submitted all information required to receive full consideration.**

- Participant Application Packet (these forms, completed accurately)
- Essay  
*Please write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, research interest, plans to attain a doctorate degree, 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.*
- Pre-Needs Survey (found on following pages)
- Two (2) Student Recommendation Forms (included in this application packet)  
*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 of another TRIO program, one from your counselor or director of that program.*
- Official college transcript (you can request free from MyBGSU and have it sent to yourself or to the McNair Program)
- Copy of your or your parent(s) filed 2018 U.S. income tax documents **MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED!**  
*Dependent students are required to submit their parents' information; independent students are required to submit their own personal information. Dependency status determined by Federal Aid regulations. **Please ask us if you have any questions and we can help clarify!!***

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 Student Support Services to have access to my school records, which will include my SSN, and understand that these records may be used for program purposes only.

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Signature	Date
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# RONALD E. MCNAIR

## Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program

### Pre-Needs Survey

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Graduate School Programming and Planning (Circle Response)

1=strongly disagree   2=disagree   3=neutral   4=agree   5=strongly agree

1. I am knowledgeable about graduate school admission requirements.

1   2   3   4   5

2. I am familiar with research methodology and its applications.

1   2   3   4   5

3. I am familiar with teaching careers at the college level.

1   2   3   4   5

4. I have written research reports and made presentations at conferences/symposiums.

1   2   3   4   5

5. I am familiar with the steps of writing for publication.

1   2   3   4   5

6. I am knowledgeable about financial aid sources to pay for graduate school.

1   2   3   4   5

7. I am aware of the steps in obtaining a doctorate degree (PhD or EdD).

1   2   3   4   5

8. I am familiar with "networking" and "mentoring" and its impact on my professionalism.

1   2   3   4   5

9. I am aware of graduate study tenets and how to manage tasks to reach my goals.

1   2   3   4   5

#### II. Related Graduate School Planning

1. I am comfortable with writing personal statements, vitae, and resumes.

1   2   3   4   5

2. I am familiar with how to apply for graduate assistantships.

1   2   3   4   5

3. I am familiar with strategies in developing critical thinking skills.

1   2   3   4   5

4. I am aware of the GRE, its contents, and test preparation resources.

1   2   3   4   5

**III. Specific Skill Development** (Circle the skill(s), which you feel **LEAST** comfortable with)

- Computer Skills
- Library research
- Time Management
- Test Taking
- Research (hands-on)
- Research Paper Development
- Statistical Analysis
- Presentation Skills

Please describe any computing skills you may have.

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**IV. Research Skills** (Identify the item(s) you are familiar with)

- Research Methodology
- Reviewing Literature
- Sampling
- Measurement
- Experimental Design
- Understanding Statistics

**V. Personal-Social Development**

Listed below are a number of areas of your life that may influence your studies and your work as a student. Identify the item(s) you may need to receive assistance or counseling for by circling them.

Key Areas of Need:	Relationships (interpersonal):	Relationships (campus):
Insurance	Parents	Student and/or peers
Employment	Spouse	Roommate
Child-care	Children	Faculty/Professors
Budgeting Skills	Siblings	Administrators
Housing	Friend(s)	
Transportation	Significant Other	

**VI. Additional Information (optional)**

If there are any other academic or social areas that you would like assistance with that have not been included in the above questions, please list them below:



# RONALD E. MCNAIR

## Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program Student Recommendation Form



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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby  waive  do not waive my right to have access to this recommendation as so indicated 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 rate the applicant's potential to:**

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Enroll in graduate school					
Attain a masters degree					
Attain a doctorate degree					
Be a teacher/professor					
Be a researcher					





**RONALD E. McNAIR**  
**Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program**  
**Student Recommendation Form**

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