TRIO - Ronald E. McNair
Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program
Wichita State University

2010 - 2011 Participant Application

What is it?
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 provides research participation, scholarly experiences, and preparation for graduate school. Students are encouraged to pursue graduate study in preparation for careers as professors and researchers at the college level. The Program focuses on serving first generation/limited income and underrepresented students. (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian and Native American/Alaskan Native)

What are the advantages of participating in the McNair Scholars Program?
The following activities are planned for students participating in the McNair Scholars Program:
- Undergraduate research participation with a professor through the Research Component
- Monthly meetings and seminars for graduate school preparation
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) preparation
- Counseling to identify financial aid for graduate school, including assistantships and fellowships
- Complete graduate school applications and write effective personal statements
- Support to attend regional and national conferences and opportunities to present research
- Campus visits to other universities and graduate school programs
- Publication opportunities in undergraduate journals, such as the Kansas McNair Scholars Journal and Journal of Research Reports
- Mentoring with prominent WSU faculty
- Tutoring for courses and development of writing skills

How do I apply for the McNair Scholars Program?
Students must meet the following criteria:
1. Have completed a minimum 40 credit hours and attending Wichita State University as a full-time student enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or a GPA of 3.00 or better in the last 60 credit hours
3. Be eligible for federal TRIO programs (participants of the SSS and DSS programs are strongly encouraged to apply)

To submit an application package, please submit the following by Monday, April 19, 2010:
- Completed McNair Scholars Program application form
- Current (unofficial) transcript
- Copy of applicant's and/or parents filed 2010 Federal Income Tax Return documents
- Three recommendation letters/forms. One from a teaching faculty member in your department and two from an academic advisor, college counselor, or work supervisor. If you are a past participant of another TRIO program, one from your counselor or director of that program.

Submit all application materials to:
McNair Scholars Program
Wichita State University
Grace Wilkie Hall Annex, Room 173B
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260-0199
**Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program**  
**Participant Application**  
*Please Print or Type*

Social Security Number: ___________________________  
Date of Birth: ___________________________

Shocker ID Number: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________  
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Address: ___________________________
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**Past TRIO Participation or Similar Program:** YES or NO  
If yes, where? ___________________________

(mark all that apply)  
□ UB  
□ UB/MS  
□ Veterans UB  
□ Communication UB  
□ TS/PD  
□ EOC  
□ SSS  
□ DSS  
□ Headstart  
□ GEAR UP  
□ Other

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.  
□ 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 ward of the court.  
□ None of these statements apply.

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

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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IMPORTANT: Submit a copy of your, and/or your parent(s) 2010 Federal Income Tax Return
Provide the name/address of a person who would know of your whereabouts at all times

Emergency Contact: ____________________________ Phone: __________________
Relation of Emergency Contact:  □ parent  □ significant other  □ sibling  □ friend
Address: ______________________________________
          Street City State Zip

Email Address:______________________________

Give the following academic information and provide an unofficial copy of transcripts.
Class Standing at end of this 2010 spring semester:  □ sophomore  □ junior  □ senior
Major Course of Study: ____________________________
Minor(s): ______________________________________

Cumulative: Credit Hours __________ Grade Point Average __________
Major: Credit Hours __________ Grade Point Average __________
Anticipated Graduation Date: (add year) Spring _____ Fall _____ Summer _____

List academic distinctions, leadership activities and/or honorary achievements
(attach additional page if necessary)
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

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 one or two years.
□ 3. 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.
□ 4. I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the 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 the PhD.
□ 6. I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school and complete a doctorate degree.

What discipline? ____________________________
I want to receive a:  
□ Doctorate of Philosophy-PhD  □ Doctorate of Education-EdD  □ Other Doctorate ____________________________
(list type of degree)

List the graduate schools you are interested in attending.
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Identify your first and second preference for a research area:
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
Personal Statement:
Please write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, research interest, plans to attain a
doctorate degree, reason for wanting to participate in the McNair Program and your desire to
Teach at the college level or conduct scholarly research. (a minimum of 300 words typed/free of grammatical errors)

How did you hear about the McNair Program?

Please list the three persons you plan to use as your references.

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

☐ Every question completely answered
☐ Copy of your, and/or your parents filed 2010 income tax documents
☐ College transcript (unofficial)
☐ Three (3) letters/forms of recommendation
☐ 300-word essay
☐ Completed Needs Survey

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 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
“20th Century Hero”

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

Professional: McNair started with the Hughes Research Laboratory as a physicist specializing in laser physics. Selected by NASA in 1976 for the space shuttle program as a mission specialist. He died in the Challenger space accident January of 1986.


Personal: McNair was married with two children. He appreciated a variety of music, which led him to become an accomplished jazz saxophonist. He also believed in keeping the mind and the body fit and active he was 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 delegation to Congress. This program is dedicated to his high standard of achievement.

Notice Of Nondiscrimination:
Wichita State University does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, status as a veteran or disability. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita KS 67260-0205; telephone (316) 978-6791.

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Student Recommendation Form
McNair Scholars Program (2010-2011)

Student Applicant - 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 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 (print applicant's full name)

This is my evaluation of: ___________________________

I have known the applicant for ____________ years in the capacity of: ___________________________

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

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2. Rate the candidates potential to:

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3. For teachers/professors of applicants (only):

I would rank this applicant in the top ______ % of approximately _______ undergraduate students I have taught within the last five years.

4. Recommendation concerning selection for program (check one and explain rationale in #5):

☐ I recommend the applicant with confidence
☐ I recommend the applicant
☐ I recommend the applicant with reservation
☐ I do not recommend the applicant
5. Please provide any additional comments and/or assessments of the applicant’s potential for success in graduate school. Include particular strengths and weaknesses. We appreciate your candid evaluation. (continue on separate page, if necessary)

Name (printed): ___________________________ Title: ___________________________
Department: ___________________________ Box #: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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.  

McNair Program Staff

Mail or FAX completed form by Monday, April 19, 2010 to:
• McNair Scholars Program • Wichita State University • 1845 Fairmount •
• Wichita, KS 67260-0199 • phone (316) 978-3139 • fax (316) 978-3439 •