

The University of Texas at San Antonio  
**RONALD E. McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**Application Check List**

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

Academic Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed McNair Application**

- Application complete including **transcripts** and **financial aid** information
- 300 word personal statement
- Faculty recommendation
- Faculty recommendation
- Personal recommendation
- Interview with Program Manager
- Interview with Executive Director
- Low-income and first generation
- Under-represented

**Comments:**

# Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

## The University of Texas at San Antonio

The McNair Scholars Program is a federally funded **TRIO** Program designed to increase the number of under-represented individuals pursuing doctoral degrees. The Ronald E. McNair Program provides opportunities for research or other scholarly activities geared towards effective preparation for doctoral study. These activities include but are not limited to working with a faculty mentor, participation in a ten-week full-time summer research experience, preparation in writing and presenting theoretical research papers; the opportunity to present research at professional conferences; monitoring of academic performance and provisional tutoring, when necessary. The program also assists participants in securing admission to and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate programs.

### Eligibility

The Program serves twenty-five (25) students annually. Selection is made based upon the student's application, letters of recommendation and an interview. In order to apply, students must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 2.80 and express an interest in pursuing a Ph.D.

Additionally, a student is eligible to participate in the McNair Project if the student meets all of the following requirements:

- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Is currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at UTSA
- Is a sophomore, junior or senior
- Is a first generation college student who meets the income criteria, OR
- Is a member of a group under-represented in graduate study

### Educational Support

During the Summer Research Program, eligible students can receive up to \$2400. In the fall, students who are prepared to apply to graduate school may receive assistance to offset costs associated with graduate school admissions.

### Application Procedure

A complete McNair Program application includes all of the following:

- completed and signed application form
- statement of purpose (300-word essay)
- Three Letters of Recommendation (two must be from faculty members)
- An unofficial transcript from ASAP
- Financial Aid award notification from ASAP showing estimated family contribution

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

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Federal reporting purposes only)

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Permanent Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from permanent) Street City State Zip

Local Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: (day, month, and year) \_\_\_\_\_

Date you entered college: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Associate's Degree was earned (if applicable) (day, month, and year) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in pursuing a PhD? Y N

Have you ever attended another college or university? Y N

Date of Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of your transcript from ASAP.**

**Ethnic Background**

- African American
- Latino/Latina / Hispanic
- Asian American
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Multi-Racial
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Academic Standing: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior

UTSA Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Eligibility:**

Yes    No

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Have either of your parents received a 4-year/bachelor's degree?

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Will you be a full-time student?

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Is this your first semester as a **full-time** college student?

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Do you have college credits that you are transferring into UTSA?

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Are you a U.S. citizen?

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Have you applied for Financial Aid here at UTSA?

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    Have you previously participated in: (check all that apply)

- Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math and Science
- Educational Talent Search
- Student Support Services
- Veterans Upward Bound
- Educational Opportunity Center
- Ronald E. McNair Program

If so, please specify the name of the college/university: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Aid:**

Please describe the type of Financial Aid award you plan to receive this academic year:  
(Please provide as much information as you can)

| Type of Aid               | Award \$ | Total Award |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| _____ PELL                | _____    | _____       |
| _____ TEG                 | _____    | _____       |
| _____ Loans               | _____    | _____       |
| _____ Scholarships/Grants | _____    | _____       |
| _____ Other               | _____    | _____       |

Please fill in the following information **as reported on Financial Aid forms:**

Family taxable income \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Family Members \_\_\_\_\_  
*(as entered on FAFSA)*

Other income (if applicable):

Benefits received from the Department of Social Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month

Amount of Social Security Benefits received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month

**Please attach a copy of your financial aid award from ASAP.**

**Certification Statement**

I verify that all of the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. This information will be kept confidential and used only by McNair Personnel to verify my eligibility. I give the Ronald E. McNair Program my permission to secure/access any necessary information and to communicate with Faculty/Staff/Agency personnel in order to provide comprehensive support services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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**For Office Use Only:**

First Generation \_\_\_\_\_  
Income Eligible \_\_\_\_\_  
Underrepresented \_\_\_\_\_



## McNair Scholars Program Statement of Purpose

State your research interest, research experience, educational goals, career objectives and any information which may aid the University of Texas at San Antonio McNair Program selection committee. Explain how participation in the McNair Program will enhance your graduate's school and career plans. **You may use a separate sheet if necessary.** Do not exceed two typed pages.

## The University of Texas at San Antonio McNair Scholars Program Faculty Recommendation (I)

The purpose of the Ronald E. McNair Program is to prepare low-income, first generation college students and under – represented individuals in graduate education for doctoral study. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors (with at least 12 months until graduation), with a GPA of 2.8 or better who are considering advanced studies are invited to apply. The four components of the Program are: academic skill building, research technique preparation, summer research program with faculty mentors and preparation for graduate school admission.

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied to be a participant in the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. We would appreciate your candid responses to assist in our selection.

1. In what capacity have you worked with the student and for how long?
2. Please comment on the student's academic strengths and weaknesses.
3. If given the opportunity and proper preparation, do you feel the applicant has the potential to do major research in his/her field of study?
4. What is your basis for this judgment?

Print Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number or Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return recommendation through campus mail to: McNair Scholars Program, NPB 2.202 or email to [McNair@utsa.edu](mailto:McNair@utsa.edu)

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