

## **Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Application Requirement Checklist**

(Please check these boxes off once you enclose each item with your application)

- Completed and Signed Application (Check Only if “Completed and Signed Application”)**
- Completed Personal Statement (Questions provided on page 5)**
- Résumé**
- Two Completed Recommendation Forms and Letters are REQUIRED from TWO Faculty members:**

*Recommendation forms and letters can be mailed to the TRIO McNair Scholars office (Park Shops 204, Campus Box 7105, Raleigh, NC 27695) or completed online at [go.ncsu.edu/mspform](http://go.ncsu.edu/mspform)*

*\*If you are unable to identify two faculty members, please identify a recommender that can speak to your academic abilities and potential to succeed as a graduate student. Note: One recommender MUST be faculty.*

**Writing Sample.** Attach a writing sample of at least 3 pages that was completed in the last year. Please choose an academic sample, if possible from a course in your major.

**Signed Information Release Form**

My signature and check box indicates below that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 2019-2020 PROGRAM APPLICATION

The McNair Scholars Program at NC State is one of 187 programs at colleges and universities across the country and part of a group of federal programs known collectively as TRIO. The McNair Scholars Program helps qualified undergraduate students prepare for admission to doctoral programs and the successful pursuit of PhD degrees. Eligible students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are also first-generation AND low-income OR be a member of a group traditionally underrepresented in graduate education (African-American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander). The McNair Scholars Program provides undergraduates with research experiences, GRE preparation sessions, faculty mentoring, professional skills, and assistance with the graduate school application process at no cost to the student.

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**\*Social Security Number**                      **Student ID Number**                      **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**First**    **M.I.**                      **Last**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Current (Campus) Address**                      **City**                      **State**                      **Zip Code**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NC State Email**    **Best phone number to be reached** \_\_\_\_\_

**I identify my gender as:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pronoun(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident:**                      Yes                      No

If applicable, Permanent Resident # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**To which racial or ethnic group(s) do you most identify? Check all that apply.**  
*For statistical purposes only.*

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian              | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian    | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Islander    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |   |

**Emergency Contact:**

Name (Parent, Guardian or Partner) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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**College or Department at NC State**  
(ex. CHASS, PCOM, UC, COE, etc.)

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**Academic Advisor**

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**Major(s)**

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**Minor(s)**

**Current Classification (based on hours completed or transfer hours to NC State):**

Freshman (0-29 credit hours)

Junior (60-91 credit hours)

Sophomore (30-59 credit hours)

Senior (92 or more)

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Cumulative GPA

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Last Semester GPA

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Expected Month/Year of Graduation from NC State (mm/yy)

Students with a GPA below a 3.0 may apply for the program but should explain in a separate document how they will increase their GPA to be competitive for graduate admissions.

**How did you hear about the TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program?**

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**Academic or Professional Honors** -List honors you have earned since beginning college (e.g., undergraduate scholarships, academic or professional honors, research awards, and honor societies).

**Have you previously participated in any of the following programs?**

Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math & Science/Veterans Upward Bound	Yes	No
Talent Search	Yes	No
GEAR UP	Yes	No
Student Support Services/Student Support Services STEM	Yes	No
Pack Promise Scholar	Yes	No

**At what school(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you intend to pursue a graduate degree?**      Yes      No      Maybe

**Type of degree:**

Masters      Doctoral Degree (Ph.D. or Ed.D.)      Juris Doctorate (J.D.)

Medical Degree (M.D.)      Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

**In what field?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently in the Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Program or plan to apply?**

Yes      No      Maybe

Do you have research experience?  Yes  No

If so, please share the name and lead researcher for the project. If it was a formal program, please share the name of the program, as well: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FIRST-GENERATION

The U.S. Department of Education defines a first-generation college student as an individual who grew up in a household where neither parent/guardian completed a four-year degree before the individual turned 18. Individuals who grew up in foster care are automatically considered first-generation.

Based on this definition, are you a first-generation college student?  Yes  No

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### INCOME VERIFICATION

Documentation of Household Size and Taxable Income is required to determine financial eligibility for participation in the McNair Scholars Program. **Application cannot be processed without taxable income; it may be zero.**

Did anyone in your household file federal income tax last year?  Yes  No Year: 20\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what was the **taxable** income: \_\_\_\_\_ (Line 6 on 1040EZ / Line 10 on 1040)

Total Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the following statement and sign:**

My signature certifies that the above information is correct. I understand that this information is confidential and will only be used for income verification for this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature (If you received support from parent(s) or guardian) Date

**Are you eligible for financial aid at NC State?**  Yes  No

**Do you qualify for and/or receive the Pell Grant?**  Yes  No

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### EDUCATIONAL INTEREST

Anticipated Field of Doctoral Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Programs you are interested in visiting: \_\_\_\_\_

Potential Faculty Mentor(s) Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Email Dept.

\* The TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program cannot guarantee that students will work with the faculty member listed above. The information provided will be used in assisting to find a suitable mentor.

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach your personal statement including a response to each of the questions from the following three prompts below. Please make sure to answer all parts of each question. Your personal statement should be no more than two pages, typed (12 pt. font) and double – spaced.

**I:** Tell us your story (your family background, journey to college, challenges you have faced and overcome, etc.). How has your personal background prepared you for the rigors of the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program as well as doctoral study?

**II:** Explain your reasons for pursuing a doctoral degree. If selected to be a McNair Scholar, what research topic(s) would you be interested in researching and how is this research related to your educational/career goals? How will the McNair Scholars Program assist you in making your educational/career goals possible? Please specify your projected timetable for obtaining the Ph.D.

**III:** The NC State TRIO Ronald E. McNair Program's summer research experience is intense, stimulating, and challenging. Participants will learn a lot with special emphasis on completing a research project from start to finish and how to apply to, get accepted to, and succeed in graduate school. What concerns do you have about succeeding in NC State's McNair Summer Research Program? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

**IV (Required for students with a Cumulative GPA Below 3.0):** In a separate document, please explain your plan to increase your GPA to be competitive for graduate admissions prior to your last year at NC State.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

List the names and email addresses of the two faculty members who have agreed to submit a recommendation form on your behalf. To be considered complete, your application **MUST** have two recommendation forms. Recommenders should complete either the attached Faculty/Staff Recommendation Form or the online version available at [go.ncsu.edu/mspform](http://go.ncsu.edu/mspform).

Name:	Email:
Name:	Email:

## NC State University TRIO McNair Scholars Program Release of Information

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize NC State University TRIO Collegiate Programs (Student Support Services, Student Support Services-STEM and McNair Scholars Programs) to gather information concerning my academic progress (mid-semester progress reports, standardized test scores, grade point average, earned credits, transcripts) and financial aid information prior to my participation and throughout my involvement in the McNair Scholars Program. I understand that this information is used to assist in the determination of my eligibility for the TRIO Collegiate Programs and it will be held strictly confidential. I am aware that my eligibility, participation and financial aid status will be reported to the U.S. Department of Education in accordance with the grant funding regulations.

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to provide documentation upon request to verify the information reported. I am aware that the personal information that is provided to the TRIO Collegiate Programs will be protected under the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974. No one will have access to the information unless they work with or for the NC State TRIO Programs or they are specifically authorized by me to see the information. I understand NC State McNair Staff and Advisory Board Members will have access to and will protect the confidentiality of my materials related to this application and my participation in the program.

Upon formal acceptance into the program, I grant permission for program representatives to have access to my official academic and financial records in order to assist and provide services. Additionally, in the course of my involvement in the McNair Scholars Program, TRIO staff may consult with various NC State University offices and programs to secure and share the necessary information pertinent to my participation in the program and overall collegiate success.

Finally, I give my permission to use photographs, quotes, and statements and/or print my first and last name in any and/or all publications for the McNair Scholars Program.

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**Signature**

**Date**