

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

Am I eligible for the McNair Scholars Program?

The **Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program** is a federally funded TRIO program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. This form is provided to determine your eligibility before applying. To be eligible, TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars must be first-generation **and** meet income requirements based on U.S. Department of Education **federal guidelines** (taxable income) **or** be a member of a group traditionally underrepresented in graduate education (African-American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander).

Please check <u>all</u> of the following provisions that apply to you:	Yes	No
I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a member of a racial or ethnic group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education: Alaska Native, American Indian, Black/African American, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, or Native Pacific Islander.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I meet the Federal TRIO Programs low income guidelines (my family's <u>taxable income</u> is at or below the limits in the table on the next page).* Did anyone in your household file federal income tax last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Year: 20____ If yes, what was the taxable income: _____ (Line 11B on 1040) Total Number in Household: _____ *Taxable income is located on line 11b on 1040	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you eligible for financial aid at NC State?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you qualify for and/or receive the Pell Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am available to do full time research for at least one summer during program involvement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Federal TRIO Programs Current Year Low-Income Levels: Taxable Income
(Effective January 11, 2019 until further notice)**

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,735	\$23,400	\$21,570
2	\$25,365	\$31,695	\$29,190
3	\$31,995	\$39,990	\$36,810
4	\$38,625	\$48,285	\$44,430
5	\$45,255	\$56,580	\$52,050
6	\$51,885	\$64,875	\$59,670
7	\$58,515	\$73,170	\$67,290
8	\$65,145	\$81,465	\$74,910

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,480 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, and outlying jurisdictions; \$8,295 for Alaska; and \$7,620 for Hawaii.

* In order to be income eligible, your family's taxable income must **be at or below** the limits listed above.

Note: Selection will be made on a competitive basis from those applicants who best meet the purposes of the program as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. Specifically, 2/3 of the individuals participating in the McNair Program must be low-income and first-generation college students. The remaining 1/3 may be from one of the following underrepresented groups in doctoral study: African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Applicants who best meet the federally mandated guidelines will be selected on the basis of their potential for pursuing doctoral studies and their ability to benefit from the program.

2019-2020 PROGRAM APPLICATION

The TRIO 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.

***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: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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

Academic Advisor

Major(s)

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)

Cumulative GPA

Last Semester GPA

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?

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?

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| Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math & Science/Veterans Upward Bound | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Talent Search | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| GEAR UP | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Student Support Services/Student Support Services STEM | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Pack Promise Scholar | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

EDUCATIONAL INTEREST

Anticipated Field of Doctoral Study: _____

Graduate Programs you are interested in visiting: _____

Potential Faculty Mentor(s) Information:

Name	Email	Dept.
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* 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.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To be considered complete, your application **MUST** have **two recommendation letters and forms**. Recommenders should complete either the attached Faculty/Staff Recommendation Form or the online version available at go.ncsu.edu/mspform

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.

Signature

Date

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

**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 recommendation MUST be from a 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 _____