

**RONALD E. McNAIR POSTBACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Please return your **typed or neatly printed** application form with supporting materials to:

McNair Achievement Program
302 Wiecking Center
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, MN 56001

Date of Application:

Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Address (current):

City

State

ZIP

Cell ()
Tel. ()

Permanent Contact Information :

Name:

Address:

City

State

ZIP

Tel. ()

E-mail Address:

Tech ID# :

Date of Birth:

Month

Day

Year

Female

Male

Place of Birth:

SSN#: - -

Are you a U.S. citizen? yes no If no, are you a permanent resident? yes no

How do you describe yourself? African American/Black Hispanic/Latino Caucasian

Native American (tribe :) Other ()

Circle one: Sophomore Junior Senior

Major:

CUM GPA:

How many credits have you completed including the ones currently enrolled in:

Please list any other academic institutions you have attended, dates of attendance, and GPAs:

What is your projected graduation date?

Month:

Year:

Year of high school graduation:

YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT.

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL VERIFICATION

The information in this section must be provided by all applicants in order to determine their eligibility for the McNair Achievement Program. It will be treated confidentially.

Check the highest year of schooling completed by a parent/parents or guardian:

Parent 1:

Grade School Junior High High School A.A. B.A /B.S M.A/M.S. Ph.D.

Parent 2:

Grade School Junior High High School A.A., B.A /B.S M.A/M.S. Ph.D.

Are you currently eligible to receive Pell Grant? yes no

Are you considered dependent or independent according to federal financial aid standards?

If dependent, complete Section A : if independent, complete Section B.

A (Dependent):

What is the size of your parents' household, including yourself? _____

Did your parents' file a federal income tax return for tax year 2007? yes no

If yes, what was your Parents' taxable income listed on their 2007 income tax form?

\$ _____

B (Independent):

What is the size of your household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____

Did you file a federal income tax return for tax year 2007? yes no

If yes, what was your taxable income listed on your 2007 income tax form?

\$ _____

If you did not file a tax return and you qualify for the program as a low-income first-generation student, additional documentation may be required.

(If selected for the McNair Achievement Program, you will need to provide a photocopy of federal income tax form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, whichever is appropriate, for purposes of documentation.)

Please list any internships or research experiences you have had:

What research topics/fields/departments are of interest to you?

Please provide the names, titles, addresses, and phone numbers of **two persons** (e.g. professor, project director, counselor, pastor) you have asked to provide letters of recommendation (using the attached forms) to support your application:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ Tel.: () -

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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 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 my bachelor's degree.
- I have made a firm commitment to pursue a master's degree, but I am uncertain about a Ph.D.
- I am committed to attending graduate school and to earning my Ph.D.

Statement of Purpose:

The information provided in this section is important to the selection process. **Please type your essay on separate signed sheets and attach them to your completed application. Your essay should be thoughtful, honest, and approximately two pages in length.**

Please respond to the following questions/topics:

- Who are you (your family and educational background, your outlook on life, your strengths, your life goals)?
- What are your academic goals, research interests, and career plans?
- Please describe your understanding of the McNair Achievement Program philosophy and its primary objective.
- Why are you interested in participating in the McNair Achievement Program?
- How will the McNair Achievement Program help you achieve your postgraduate and career goals?
- How will the McNair Achievement Program help you contribute to your chosen field of study and to your community?

To the best of my knowledge the information given on this application is accurate, complete, and true.

Signature

Date



Developing Leaders
Through Graduate Education

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**RONALD E. McNAIR POSTBACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**PART A:
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT**

Name: _____ Tech ID#: _____
Last First M.I.

Proposed Graduate Field of Study: _____ Circle one: Sophomore Junior Senior

Name of Evaluator: _____ Institution: _____

I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in confidence and I hereby waive any rights I may have to examine it. yes no

**PART B:
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR**

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program prepares first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented juniors and seniors for doctoral studies, through workshops, seminars, lectures, and summer research activity. Your assessment of the applicant's personality, character, motivation level, capabilities, deficiencies, and aptitude for doctoral study and promise as a professional will assist the program in selecting the best and most deserving participants.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please rate the applicant's promise as a graduate student in comparison with others of similar age and experience.

<u>Attributes/Skills</u>	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional	Outstanding	Unable to Judge
Intellectual Ability						
Research Aptitude						
Motivation/Initiative						
Maturity						
Oral Expression						
Written Expression						
Analytical Ability						
Creativity						
Ability to work with others						
Potential as a teacher						
Potential for career advancement						

Recommendation concerning selection for McNair Achievement Program (check one):

- I recommend the applicant with confidence.
- I recommend the applicant.
- I recommend the applicant with reservation.
- I do not recommend the applicant.

Please provide any additional comments and/or assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate school. Include any particular strengths and weaknesses. We appreciate your candid appraisal.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Position/Title

Department/Employer

Address

Tel.

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