

Dear McNair Scholars Applicant,

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair Scholars Program) is a federally funded graduate preparation program at UW–Superior. The program consists of focused and challenging workshops and seminars as well as an intensive research project for which you earn up to \$2800. This program is designed to prepare you for entry and success in graduate school. The national McNair objective is to increase the number of Ph.D.'s; thus this program excludes students who solely want to earn degrees in law or medicine. The McNair Program at UW–Superior is open to students from UW–Superior, The University of Minnesota Duluth, and Northland College.

To be eligible for the program, you must meet federal income guidelines and be first-generation (neither natural/adoptive parent has a bachelor's degree) OR be a member of a group underrepresented in graduate education (Native American/Alaskan Native, African American or Hispanic). Students must also be enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior in college. If you are a senior applying for this program, research needs to be completed prior to graduation. The minimum cumulative GPA requirement is 2.75 for entry into the program.

To apply for this exciting and challenging opportunity to be in a graduate school preparation program, please do the following:

1. Complete the McNair Scholars application with essay.
2. Attach copies of transcripts for all schools you have attended OR arrange to have transcripts sent to the McNair Scholars program office before the application deadline.
3. Attach a copy of your (or your parents, if you are considered a dependent student) 2010 tax return that shows your taxable income. We need to know the **taxable income**, not adjusted gross income.
4. Submit 2 recommendation forms (forms are attached to this application) from faculty who are able to discuss your ability to succeed in graduate school and/or your ability to do research in your field of study.

Please deliver or mail all application materials to the McNair Scholars Program Office, UW–Superior, 2047 Swenson Hall, P.O. Box 2000, Superior, WI 54880. **Applications are due October 28, 2011.** Selection into the program will be based on your application form, essay, transcripts, two recommendation forms and a personal interview. Only complete applications will be considered. If you have any questions, please stop by or contact Susan Holm at (715)394-8093 or Marsha Francis at (715)394-8088.

We look forward to receiving your application. Good luck!

Susan Holm, M.A.
Director, McNair Scholars Program

Marsha Francis, MSE
Academic Coordinator, McNair Scholars Program

McNair Scholars Program

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - SUPERIOR
McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FORM

Please provide the following information. **All information is confidential.** If you are concerned about any of the questions asked on this form, please discuss them with the McNair Program Director. Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____
Last First MI

Currently attending: UW-Superior UMD Northland E-mail Address: _____
Please circle.

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone (if different): _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Hometown and State: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ If you are not a citizen, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.? _____
Please provide documentation.

Gender: ___ F ___ M Age: _____ Birth Date: (MM/DD/YY) _____

Ethnicity: Please check all that apply.

___ Alaska Native ___ Asian American ___ Black/African American ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic/Latino American
___ Native American/American Indian ___ Native Hawaiian ___ Pacific Islander _____ Other (Please specify.)

Academic Status: ___ Soph. ___ Jr. ___ Sr. (not graduating until after summer session) Cumulative GPA: _____

Enrolled: ___ Full-time ___ Part-time Expected graduation date: (MM/YY) _____ Student ID#: _____

Major(s): _____

Are you claimed as a dependent on your parents'/guardians' 2010 federal income tax return form? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, how many individuals were reported on your parents'/guardians' 2010 federal income tax return form? _____

If no, how many individuals were reported on your 2010 federal income tax return form? _____

Verification required. Please attach your parents' or your own tax form for 2010.

Has either of your parents (natural or adoptive) **COMPLETED** a four-year bachelor's degree? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, year, name and location of college parent/parents GRADUATED from:

Have you ever participated in a TRiO Program (e.g. Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, etc..)? ___ Yes ___ No

I certify all of the above information to be true and I hereby authorize the McNair Scholars Program to disclose or obtain educational records and information in a confidential manner, with any faculty or staff member as deemed appropriate by the McNair Scholars Program staff.

Student's Signature

Date

University of Wisconsin – Superior is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Institution

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Director's Signature _____

Eligibility Summary ___ LI ___ FG ___ LIFG

Program Assistant's Signature (after data entry) _____

___ Underrepresented

APPLICATION ESSAY

Please discuss your short and long term career goals. Discuss why you want to enter a graduate (masters and/or doctoral) program and in what area of study. Discuss any research interests or research project ideas you may have. In addition, please indicate a faculty member(s) whom you may be interested in working with, if known. Type or print clearly using this form, or attach your essay. Essays should be 1-2 pages. Please also attach a resume (if you have one).

2. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? (Give dates, if possible.)

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

4. Please estimate the potential of this student as a graduate student, researcher and possible faculty member.

5. What are the applicant's greatest strengths and weaknesses with regard to academics, research ability or other characteristics relative to academic success?

6. Recommendation concerning selection for the program (check one):

I recommend the applicant with confidence. I recommend the applicant with reservation.

I recommend the applicant I do not recommend the applicant.

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

Evaluator's Name (please print or type): _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Position/Title and Dept: _____ Date: _____

**McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Due on October 28, 2011

Susan Holm, Director
McNair Scholars Program
The University of WI - Superior
2047 Swenson Hall
Belknap & Catlin, P.O. Box 2000
Superior, WI 54880
(715) 394-8093

This section to be completed by the applicant. Please print or type.

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) Graduate Discipline or Interest

OPTIONAL: This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to or for receipt of any other services and benefits from UWS/Ronald McNair Scholars Program. All rights of access to this letter of recommendation conferred by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380) as amended, or otherwise, are hereby voluntarily waived. No signature means that the student will have the right to read this reference.

(Date) (Signature)

This section to be completed by the evaluator. Return to the McNair Program office in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal.

The McNair Scholars Program encourages low-income and first-generation OR underrepresented undergraduate college students to enter programs of doctoral study. Before, during, and after an intensive summer research component, McNair Scholars receive support in writing, submitting, and presenting their research findings at national conferences and local poster sessions. Program personnel also assist students in the graduate school application process.

The person named above has applied to the McNair Program and has asked you to evaluate her/his academic and research ability. Please help us assess the promise and motivation of this student by completing this form and returning it to the McNair office. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being very low and 5 being very high, please rate the applicant in each attribute/skill listed below.

Attributes/Skills	1 (very low)	2	3	4	5 (very high)	No Basis to Judge
Intellectual Ability						
Oral Expression						
Written Expression						
Motivation/Initiative						
Emotional Maturity						
Dependability						
Commitment to Career Goals						
Flexibility						
Research Ability						
Critical Thinking Ability						

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Evaluator's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Position/Title and Dept: _____ Date: _____