

University of Superior-Wisconsin
McNair Scholars Program Application

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	MI
Current Address (Ex. 2000 Belknap & Catlin Ave)	City, State	Zip
Permanent Address (if different from above)	City, State	Zip
Hometown & State (Ex. Superior, WI)	Primary Phone Number	Home Phone (If different from primary)
Campus E-Mail Address	Alternate E-mail Address	

Gender: Male Female **Age:** _____ **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):** _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? If you are **not** a citizen, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.?
If yes: Please provide permanent resident card.

Ethnicity (Please check all that apply)

Alaska Native Asian American Black/African American White Hispanic/Latino American
 Native American/American Indian Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Other: _____

ACADEMIC

What is your academic status? Sophomore Junior Senior **What is your Student ID?** _____

What is your major/minor? _____

Enrollment Status: Full-time Part-time **Expected Graduation date :** _____ **CUM GPA:** _____

Have you ever participated in a TRiO Program (e.g. McNair Scholars, Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, etc...)? Yes No
 If **yes** please list program and the university _____

Has either of your parents (natural or adoptive) COMPLETED a four-year bachelor's degree? Yes No
 If **yes** please include the *name* and *location* of the college your parent/parents GRADUATED from:

FINANCIAL (See attached tax form examples)

Are **you** claimed as a dependent on your parents'/guardians' most recent federal income tax return form? Yes No
 If **yes**, how many individuals were reported on your parents'/guardians' most recent federal income tax return form? _____
 If **no**, how many individuals were reported on your most recent federal income tax return form? _____

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.

X _____ _____
 Students Signature Date

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X _____ X _____ Eligibility Summary LI FG UR LIFG
 Director's Signature Program Assistant's Signature (After Data Entry)

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Core Application Materials Checklist

Please note that to be considered as a candidate for the UW-Superior McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program you must include all of the items listed below. If you have questions about any of the materials, please contact us at mcnair@uwsuper.edu.

- Completed McNair Application
- Unofficial Transcripts for all colleges and universities attended.
If you transferred here, or attended a college/university prior to attending UWS, we will need those transcripts.
- Most recent tax return
We only need the pages that show taxable income (usually line 43) and family size. If you are claimed as a dependent on your parent's tax forms, we will need those (again showing the taxable income).
- References Form
Please note that references listed will be contacted.
- A copy of your current résumé
- Please submit **a letter from your commanding officer** to verify military status (**AMU Students only**).

The summer program consists of a summer term class, in addition to your research, from the end of May until the middle of July. The summer course focuses on the GRE, doctoral degree application processes, graduate school funding, and graduate school interview skills, among other topics. Scholars earn 2 credits while in McNair for the GRE course. **The McNair Scholars Program is the equivalent of 9-10 credits for both spring and summer sessions.**

IMPORTANT: You must be available for the summer program (mid/end of May-mid July). Classes are held Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 12 pm, with the exception of pre-arranged day-long events. You will NOT be able to enroll in conflicting classes or internships, as class attendance is REQUIRED, WITH NO EXCPTIONS.

Initial here that you understand that **you must participate in the summer program, unless you are off campus for research (no class/internship conflicts)**. Once you have accepted the offer to participate in the McNair Program, you will be expected to complete your commitment throughout the entire academic year and summer:

Initial: _____

****Be sure to check your email or voicemail to find out if you have been selected for an interview.****

Please respond to the notification of selection within 48 hours.

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Application Questionnaire and Essays

DIRECTIONS: Please answer the questions below.

BASIC QUESTIONS

1	Do you plan to apply to a graduate degree program? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no , why not? _____
2	What degree(s) will you pursue? (Please mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD/EdD
3	Research and list 3-5 graduate programs that interest you and explain why you would apply to them. Include the following information on the schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GPA and/or GRE requirements ▪ Due date for the applications ▪ Any other requirements: such as how many letters of recommendation to include, resume/CV requirement, and personal statement requirements.
4	List a <i>timeline</i> in which you will (approximately) graduate with a Bachelor's degree, apply for a Masters and PhD program, enter a Master and PhD program, and graduate from a Masters and PhD program. Discuss how you will accomplish each goal (This can be written, visual, or both).
5	Have you applied to, or participated in any off-campus research opportunities? <i>Please list where:</i> _____
6	Have you taken the GRE? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES Scores: Verbal: _____ Qualitative: _____ Writing: _____
7	Have you applied to graduate school? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES, list where and if you were accepted: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

DIRECTIONS: Please submit a double spaced response to each of the items below. There are no limits on word count or length unless specified.

8	Discuss any research interests you have, and discuss any independent research projects you have experienced.
9	Write a personal statement discussing your short-term and long-term career goals and how a doctoral degree will help you achieve these goals. In what ways will the McNair Program help you reach your goals?
10	The following are scenario questions, please respond in 1-page or less for each scenario, double spaced. Scenario 1: <i>You run into a situation/obstacle that makes your immediate enrollment into grad school more difficult. What steps would you take to address this problem?</i> Scenario 2: <i>What steps would you take to ensure you don't burn out?</i>

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REFERENCES

Included with this application are three (3) reference forms, two academic and one professional.

REFERENCE 1 and REFERENCE 2:

Please select at least **two** staff or faculty members to fill out **on your behalf**. You will fill out the top portion with your name and signature, and the persons you select will fill out the remainder.

REFERENCE 3:

Please select a professional reference to fill out this form – this is usually an employer.

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B. Research Ability:

3. How would you describe the student's potential as a doctoral student, a researcher, and a faculty member?

4. Can you discuss the student's time management skills, along with meeting deadlines (i.e., for homework completion) and class attendance?

5. Please rate the following from 1-5, with **1 = low** and **5 = high**. Please explain any rated 3 or below:

- A. Emotional Maturity _____
- B. Writing Skills _____
- C. Reading Comprehension _____
- D. Professionalism _____
- E. Motivation _____
- F. Commitment to Education _____
- G. Critical Thinking Ability _____

Printed Name

X

Signature

Department/School (if not UWS)

Date

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Reference 2 – Faculty/Staff

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	MI	Graduate Discipline or Interest

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Signature: X_____

Date: _____

STAFF/FACULTY DIRECTIONS: Please fill out the entirety of the reference form and return to the McNair Scholars Program Office as soon as possible. You may type responses separately, but please attach any separate documents to this form.

Address:

Dr. Michelle Gutsch, Director
UW-Superior, McNair Scholars Program
Swenson Hall 2047
Superior, WI 54880
Email: mgutsch1@uwsuper.edu
Fax: 715-394-8252

Your comments will be kept confidential (if student waived rights).

6. How long have you known the student and in what capacity?

7. Discuss the student's strengths and weaknesses as they relate to:
C. Academics:

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Reference 3 - Professional

_____	_____	_____	_____
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About the program:

The McNair Scholars Program encourages low-income and first generation or underrepresented undergraduate college students to enter doctoral programs. Before, during, and after an intensive summer research component, McNair Scholars receive support in writing, submitting, and presenting their research. Program personnel also assist students in the graduate school application process. Please note: Scholars are required to be in our summer classes, which typically run Monday through Thursday 8am-12pm, and from mid-May until mid-July.

REFERENCE DIRECTIONS:

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge and experience with the student:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? Please give dates if possible.
2. Please rate the applicant's ability in the following areas: (1 = very low and 5 = very high).
Please explain any marked 1-3.

Attributes/Skills (1 = very low, 5 = very high)

- Intellectual and Critical Thinking _____
- Oral and Written Communication _____
- Motivation and Initiative _____
- Emotional Maturity _____
- Flexibility _____
- Time Management _____

