



**Ronald E. McNair**  
**Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program**  
*Preparing UM Students for Graduate Study*

**Information and  
Application**

McNair Scholars Program  
University of Montevallo  
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# University of Montevallo McNair Scholars Program

## Application Packet

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**The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is a TRIO program funded through the US Department of Education and the University of Montevallo.**

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**All information contained in this application is for the purpose of determining an applicant's eligibility for the University of Montevallo McNair Scholars Program. Information received will be kept confidential.**

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To be eligible to participate, McNair Scholars must:

- Be a citizen or national of the US or a permanent resident of the US;
- Be a first-generation student whose family income is within federal guidelines **OR** a member of a group underrepresented in graduate education (particularly African American, Hispanic, or American Indian);
- Be a full-time student;
- Have an overall 3.0 GPA (overall transcript and/or last 30 hours will be evaluated if below 3.0);
- Have two faculty recommendations;
- Have completed the sophomore year to participate in the summer internship;
- Have not previously enrolled in doctoral level study at an institution of higher education; and
- Be in need of the services provided to successfully complete the doctorate.

**For more information, please contact**

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# McNair Scholars Program

University of Montevallo

Application

*Please type or print legibly*

## I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

UM student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

UM E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus PO box number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local or UM phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (include year): \_\_\_\_\_

Year first enrolled at UM: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent (home) mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent (home) phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If accepted, would you like program information, newsletters, etc. mailed to your parents listed above?  Yes  No

If yes, at what address? \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

Citizenship:  US Citizen  Permanent Resident

Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

Racial/Ethnic background:  African American  Alaskan Native  American Indian

(Check all that apply)

Asian  Caucasian  Hispanic

Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

Other TRIO programs:  Talent Search  Student Support Services  EOC

(Check any participated in)

Upward Bound  Upward Bound Math/Science

## II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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### Undergraduate:

No. of credit hours *Completed*: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of credit hours enrolled this semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Current classification:  Freshman  Sophomore

Junior  Senior

Current major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic history (Please list each institution attended including community colleges if applicable):

Begin date – End date

Institution

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Faculty Mentor (if available) if accepted into the McNair Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously participated in Undergraduate Research at UM or elsewhere?  Yes  No

### Graduate:

Intended Graduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Graduate School Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Advanced Degree:  Master's Degree

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Doctorate (PhD, EdD)

Professional Degree (JD, MD, DVM, etc.)

Have you Applied to Graduate School?  Yes

No

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the GRE:  Yes

No

If yes, list score: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the MAT:  Yes

No

If yes, list score: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken another Graduate School Entrance Examination:  Yes  No

If yes, please list including score: \_\_\_\_\_

List any doctoral granting institutions (including city, state) you are interested in visiting:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

### III. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

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Prior to attending college, did you regularly reside with:

- Both parents       Mother       Father       Guardian       Other

***Father***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade Completed:      1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12

Highest College Degree Earned:     Associate (2 year)     Bachelor (4 year)     Master's or higher  
(If applicable)

***Mother***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade Completed:      1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12

Highest College Degree Earned:     Associate (2 year)     Bachelor (4 year)     Master's or higher  
(If applicable)

***Guardian (If applicable)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade Completed:      1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12

Highest College Degree Earned:     Associate (2 year)     Bachelor (4 year)     Master's or higher  
(If applicable)

## IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*This information is required to determine eligibility to participate in the program. The information received will be kept confidential.*

Are you currently eligible to receive financial aid?  Yes  No

With regard to financial aid, what is/would be your status:  Independent  Dependent

*If Independent status, please complete **Box A** below; if Dependent status, please complete **Box B** below.*

Box A - Independent	Box B - Dependent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the size of your household including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____</li> <li>• Did you file an income tax return last year? _____</li> <li>• If yes, what was your most current <b>taxable</b> income? \$ _____</li> <li>• Please attach a copy of your most current income tax return.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the size of your parents' household including yourself and/or other dependents? _____</li> <li>• Did your parents file an income tax return last year? _____</li> <li>• If yes, what was their most current <b>taxable</b> income? \$ _____</li> <li>• Please attach a copy of your parents' most current income tax return.</li> </ul>

**Note: Please make certain you report TAXABLE income, which is usually less than total income or adjusted gross income.**

If a copy of your/your parents' Income Tax Return is not available, please sign below to verify TAXABLE income. This can be accepted in lieu of Income Tax Returns.

Box A - Independent	Box B - Dependent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the size of your household including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____</li> <li>• What was your most current <b>total</b> income? \$ _____</li> <li>• What was your most current <b>taxable</b> income? \$ _____</li> </ul> <p>I certify that the above information is correct.</p> <hr/> <p>Student signature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the size of your parents' household including yourself and/or other dependents? _____</li> <li>• What was your most current <b>total</b> income? \$ _____</li> <li>• What was their most current <b>taxable</b> income? \$ _____</li> </ul> <p>I certify that the above information is correct.</p> <hr/> <p>Parent signature</p>

## V. NEEDS INFORMATION/ASSESSMENT

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*This information will assist program staff to develop workshops and seminars to best fit the needs of the Scholars accepted into the program. Therefore, your honest response and comments are very important to help make this a beneficial program*

**Please mark the box that best corresponds with your understanding or knowledge of the following:**

	All	Much	Some	Little	None
Opportunities a Doctorate affords	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing a graduate school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparing an effective application for graduate school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective time-management techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-admission interview techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dressing for interviews, conferences, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dealing with people from different backgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relating to university faculty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selecting a major	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selecting a Faculty Mentor for research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making the graduate school process work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Getting assistance for upper level courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of applying to graduate school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locating financial resources for graduate school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparing for the GRE, MAT, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Networking to advance your academic career	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall knowledge of the complete graduate school process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparing a personal statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparing a research proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presenting at a professional conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## V. NEEDS INFORMATION/ASSESSMENT (con't)

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*Indicate the likelihood of the following:*

	<i>Very Likely</i>	<i>Likely</i>	<i>Unlikely</i>	<i>Very Unlikely</i>
What is the likelihood that you will enroll in graduate school in a Master's degree program upon completion of your Baccalaureate degree?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is the likelihood that you will enroll in graduate school in a Doctoral degree program upon completion of your Baccalaureate or Master's degree?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is the likelihood that you will enroll in professional school (e.g. Law, Medicine, Vet Medicine, Dentistry, etc.) upon completion of your Baccalaureate degree?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Indicate your familiarity/comfort level with the following:*

	<i>All</i>	<i>Much</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>None</i>
Using a style manual (APA, MLA, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating a database	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performing statistical analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing an effective presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subscribing to a Listserv	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locating journals in the library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locating an article on your research topic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing appropriate database for your topic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Searching and evaluating Internet sources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using interlibrary loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Respond to the following questions*

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Do you own a personal computer or laptop/notebook?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever attended a professional conference?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever conducted formal research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever given an oral presentation on research findings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **V. NEEDS INFORMATION/ASSESSMENT (con't)**

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*Briefly answer the following questions – you may attach a separate page if needed.*

*What can the McNair Scholars Program provide for you that would be most beneficial in successfully entering graduate school and obtaining the Doctorate?*

*Why should you be selected as a Scholar in the McNair Program?*

## **VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT (Approximately 1,000 words)**

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Type on a separate sheet of paper a statement describing your ultimate educational and career goals. Explain what you have done to prepare yourself to meet these goals. Discuss the academic area in which you would like to conduct research if selected as a McNair Scholar. Include why you would like to undertake graduate study at the doctoral level and why you think it is important. Also, discuss what you would like to accomplish by participating in the University of Montevallo McNair Scholars Program and why you should be selected. Please attach your personal statement to the application and be sure to include your name on your paper.

## **VII. STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTEREST (Approximately 250 words)**

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Type on a separate sheet of paper a statement describing your **area of interest** in which you would like to conduct research during the summer research internship. Be as specific as you can, including any work you may have already conducted on this topic. If possible, include the name of a **Faculty Mentor** you would like to work with (he/she may or may not be available, but is beneficial for us to have an idea.) Please attach your statement of research interest to the application and be sure to include your name on your paper. This does not have to be as formal as the Personal Statement; it is intended to give the program staff an idea about your research interests.

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATION FORMS**

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You must submit two (2) recommendation forms from faculty who can attest to your academic ability, motivation for graduate study, commitment to academic growth, strengths and weaknesses, and why you would benefit from participating in the McNair Scholars Program. *Optionally*, you may have a staff member, advisor, or professional write a recommendation letter on your behalf in lieu of *one* faculty recommendation letter. Personal references will not be accepted.

Please have the recommendation forms sent directly to:

Tracy Payne, Project Director McNair Scholars Program University of Montevallo Station 6570 Montevallo, AL 35115
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## **IX. RELEASE FORM**

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### **University of Montevallo McNair Scholars Program Release Form**

This release form enables the McNair Program at the University of Montevallo to obtain copies of all my academic and financial aid records including transcripts, financial aid eligibility verification, and other information from undergraduate and graduate institutions that is pertinent to my participation in the McNair Scholars Program and tracking of my academic progress upon completion of the program.

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Print Name

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Social Security Number

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Student Signature

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Date

## **X. AUTHORIZATION AND AFFIRMATION**

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1. I hereby authorize the McNair Scholars Program staff to obtain academic, financial aid, and other pertinent information needed for my participation in the University of Montevallo McNair Scholars Program.
2. I understand that a copy of my application will be kept on file in the McNair Scholars Program office and that information obtained to determine eligibility and participation in the program will be kept confidential.
3. I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that all the information I have provided in this application to be correct and honest. I understand that misrepresentation may be cause for refusing selection into the program or dismissal from the program.
4. I understand that I must **fully** participate in the McNair Scholars Program and **satisfactorily** complete a summer research internship with a Faculty Mentor to be eligible for the \$2800 stipend.

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Student Signature

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Date

## CHECK LIST

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- Personal Information Form
- Academic Information Form
- Parent/Guardian Information Form
- Financial Information Form
- Needs Section
- Personal Statement
- Statement of Research Interest
- Two (2) Recommendation Forms
  - Two faculty or
  - One faculty and one advisor/professional staff
- Release Form
- Authorization and Affirmation Form
- Up-to-date Transcript
- Most Current Income Tax Returns (worksheets are not needed – tax forms only)  
**OR** Parent Signature if Tax Forms are not Available