



Tennessee State University
TRIO Programs
Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program

Today's Date _____

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PART I – Personal Information

Name: _____

SS# _____

Home Address: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Local Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Expected Date of Graduation with a Bachelor's Degree: _____

Current Major(s): _____

Expected Field of Graduate Study: _____

Do you want to earn a PhD? Yes No Maybe

College Start Date _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____ Current GPA in major: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

Total credits completed as of today: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No Are you a permanent resident? Yes No
(This program is only open to US citizens and permanent residents)

Ethnicity: (please check ALL THAT APPLY)

___ Black or African American ___ American Indian or Alaska Native ___ Asian

___ Latino or Hispanic ___ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ___ White

Please attach a copy of one of the following:

- 1) Copy of a signed US or Puerto Rico Income Tax Return form
- 2) Copy of the confirmation page of your completed FAFSA application

TRIO Program History

Have you participated in any TRIO Program or other U.S. Department of Education programs? If 'YES', please give name of program/university

Upward Bound: No Yes: _____
 Upward Bound Math/Science: No Yes: _____
 Educational Talent Search: No Yes: _____
 Educational Opportunity Centers: No Yes: _____
 Student Support Services: No Yes: _____
 McNair: No Yes: _____
 GEAR UP: No Yes: _____

PART II - Undergraduate History (copy of college transcript required)

Are you a transfer student? Yes No

Are you enrolled in a STEM major program? Yes No

Academic Load: Full-time Part-time

College Major (1): _____ College Major (2): _____

College Minor (1): _____ College Minor (2): _____

Current GPA: _____/4.0 Cumulative GPA: _____/4.0

Total semester hours earned toward graduation: _____

Academic Standing (select one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

First-Generation Status:

What is your father's highest educational degree?

less than K-12 High School Diploma/GED Associate's Degree Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

What is your mother's highest educational degree?

less than K-12 High School Diploma/GED Associate's Degree Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

Which parent did you regularly reside with and receive support from prior to the age of 18 (check one only)?

Mother (natural or adoptive)
 Father (natural or adoptive)
 Both Mother and Father
 Neither Mother nor Father

Family Income: *If you are an INDEPENDENT student, only included your taxable income and your dependents, if applicable.

A. What was your Family's Household Taxable Income for the previous year? \$ _____

(Line 6 on 1040EZ/Line 27 on 1040A/Line 43 on 1040)

B. What is the total number of persons (including yourself) who reside in your household? _____

Dependency Verification:

To determine whether you are a Dependent or Independent student, please answer the following:

1. Are you 24 years or older? ____ Yes ____ No
2. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? ____ Yes ____ No
3. Are you married? ____ Yes ____ No
4. Do you have children or other dependents (other than a spouse) who receive more than half of their support from you? ____ Yes ____ No
5. At any time since reaching 13 years of age, were you an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court? ____ Yes ____ No

PART III – Graduate Preferences

Are you interested in pursuing doctoral education? ____ Yes ____ No

What type of academic program do you plan to pursue?

____ Agricultural Science ____ Biological and Biomedical Sciences ____ Health Sciences

____ Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry ____ Sociology ____ Physics and Mathematical Sciences

____ Psychology ____ Animal Science ____ Plant Science ____ Medical Field

____ Engineering: _____ (what discipline)

____ Other (please specify) _____

Please list two research topics/projects that interest you.

1) _____

2) _____

Potential Faculty Mentors:

Please identify two potential faculty mentors with whom you would like to conduct research or who will serve as your faculty research mentors.

1) _____
 First Name Last Name Department Email Address

2) _____
 First Name Last Name Department Email Address

Personal Statement Essay

Please include a 3-page statement, one inch margins, double space, and Times New Roman 12-point font. Address your interest in pursuing doctoral education, conducting research, and how research can contribute to the public good. Your essay is an opportunity to tell us about yourself; how the McNair Scholar’s Program can help you achieve your academic career, and your role in advancing the goal to increase the attainment of Ph.D. and other doctoral degrees by students from underrepresented populations in the US.

PART IV: Additional Contact Information

Please provide additional contact information on at least four (4) family members who are not included in this application. (examples: Aunts, Uncles, Siblings, & Cousins). This information will only be used if and only, for some unforeseen reason, we lose contact with you after graduation.

Full Name/Relationship	Mailing Address	Email Address	Phone Numbers (home/Cell)

A selection committee composed of the McNair staff and the Advisory Board will review and screen applications and participate in interview in order to select participants. The criteria used for selection will include the applicant’s demonstrated potential to successfully pursue doctoral study, scheduling commitment to the program, the ability to conduct research during the summer months, plus federal guideline for eligibility.

PART V: McNair Scholars Program Release

I give the Tennessee State University Ronald McNair Program permission to obtain information regarding my admission, financial aid status, and academic records for the purposes of determining eligibility, developing educational plans, and collecting program statistics. I understand that I will have access to all of my records, excluding letters of recommendation and mentor evaluations.

I hereby apply for admission into the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at Tennessee State University. If admitted, I agree to abide by its regulations. I certify that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and fully realize that omission or falsification of information will be considered sufficient grounds for rejection of this application or for dismissal from the program at a later date.

Applicant's Name (please print) _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

Completed application packet may be sent to the TRIO Programs office: Tennessee State University, Holland Hall Suite 231, or you may place it in the mail to

McNair Scholars Program
Tennessee State University
3500 John Merritt Blvd., PO Box 9540
Nashville, TN 37209-1561

The packet must include the following:

1. A completed McNair Application form
2. Copy of college transcript
3. Personal Essay
4. Two recommendations for your departmental faculty: include the Faculty Recommendation Form and letter of recommendation.



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