



**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?

\_\_\_\_ Biological and Biomedical Sciences \_\_\_\_ Health Sciences \_\_\_\_ Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry

\_\_\_\_ Physics and Mathematical Sciences \_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

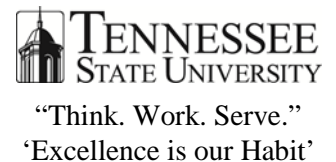
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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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