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MTSU McNair Scholars Program

Student Application Packet

MTSU McNair Program Accepts Applications Year-round

McNair Scholars Program
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Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program is a Federal TRIO Program funded by the US Department of Education and Middle Tennessee State University, a Tennessee Board of Regents Institution. MTSU is an equal opportunity, non-racially identifiable, educational institution that does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities.

Statement of Confidentiality: All information contained in this application is for purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the MTSU McNair Scholars Program. Information received will be kept confidential. If for any reason, you are not accepted into the MTSU McNair Scholars Program, your information will be returned to you upon written request.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for the MTSU McNair Program you must meet several requirements. Please answer the following by typing either a **Y** for yes or an **N** for no.

- _____ 1. Are you a first generation college student (neither parent/guardian has received a Bachelors degree?)
- _____ 2. Are you low income based on federal guidelines (look online at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>)?
- _____ 3. Are you in an underrepresented group?
- _____ 4. Are you a US citizen or a permanent resident of the US?
- _____ 5. Have you achieved junior or senior standing, or are you a sophomore with at least 60 credit hours by the time you will be participating in the Summer Research Internship?
- _____ 6. Do you have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average?
- _____ 7. Are you seriously considering pursuing a doctoral (PhD) degree?

Application Checklist

To be considered for the MTSU McNair Scholars Program, you must include the following items with your application. Use this checklist to complete your application.

1. Meet Eligibility Requirements
Complete the Eligibility Requirements section. If you have any questions, please contact the McNair Office at 904-8462.
2. Personal Information
Complete the Personal Information section. All information should be current.
3. Financial Information
Complete the Financial Information section. Include current information from the Financial Aid Office or from your parent's tax return (documentation of tax information may be requested at a later date).
4. Academic Information
Complete the Academic Information section and include one copy of your transcript from MTSU and, if applicable, previous colleges.
5. Personal Statement
Type a statement describing, in no more than 350-400 words, 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. Discuss what you would hope to accomplish through participation in the MTSU McNair Program.
6. Statement of Research Interests
Type a statement describing, in 150 words or less, the area of interest (your field) that you would like to pursue during the Summer Research Internship. Provide an example of a specific topic you want to research.
7. Two Letters of Recommendation
Submit two sealed and completed letter-of-recommendation forms. These should be from individuals who can best assess your ability for academic research and your potential to attend graduate school. Both letters should come from faculty members. At least one letter **must** come from a faculty member who has taught a class you have taken. Include letters with signature across sealed envelope in your completed application packet.

Educational Information

Undergraduate Information:

Date of college enrollment:

Major

Minor

How many credit hours do you have?

(currently)

Cumulative Grade Point Average

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Graduate School Information

Intended Graduate School Major

Have you taken the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)?

Yes

No

Have you thought about what schools you might be interested in attending for doctoral study?

Yes

No

If yes, please list schools here:

I currently receive financial aid and have filled out a FAFSA form at MTSU.

Yes

No

If you receive financial aid, what type are you receiving?

Grant

Work Study

Loan(s), specify

Scholarship(s), specify

Do you receive any of the following?

Soc. Sec./SSI

AFDC

Child Support

VA/GI Bill

Other

Have you previously participated in any of the following TRIO Programs?

Upward Bound	Upward Bound Math/Science
Talent Search	Student Support Services

Are you a disabled student? Yes No

If yes, explain

What is your current employment status?	1-19 hrs/wk	20-35 hrs/wk
	36+ hrs/wk	Not Employed

Will you be available for an 8–10 week, 40 hour week (funded by the McNair Program), research internship in the summer? Yes No

*(During the summer research internship, you will **not** be allowed to take classes or work during the week.)*

How did you become aware of the MTSU McNair Scholars Program?

MTSU McNair Scholars Program Release Form

This release form enables the McNair Program at Middle Tennessee State University to obtain copies of all my academic and financial aid records, including transcripts, grade reports, financial aid eligibility, and other information pertaining to my enrollment in the McNair Program. This information may be shared with other university personnel in accordance with federal regulations and university policy.

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted is complete and accurate. I understand that the failure to disclose information is grounds for not being accepted to the MTSU McNair Program and/or if accepted into the program, reason for immediate termination.

Print /Type Name

SS#

*Type **YES** to confirm your information is correct*

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Personal Statement (350-400 words)

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