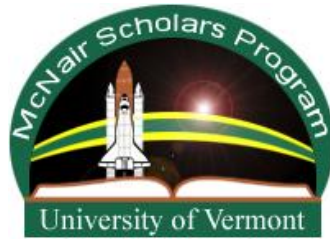


McNair Scholars Program Application



Factors Considered for Eligibility

- Academic performance, including GPA and faculty letters of recommendation
- Interest in focused academic research as an undergraduate
- Interest in pursuing a doctorate
- Sophomore or junior standing - first year, seniors and graduate students are not eligible
- U.S. Citizenship or permanent residency visa
- From a limited income background and a first generation college student - OR
- From an ethnic/racial group underrepresented in doctoral programs (Black/African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native, Native American Pacific Islander)
- **The McNair Scholars Program accepts applications year round; however, in order to be considered for the summer research program, applications should be submitted by February 15.**
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Section I- Personal Information

Date: _____

Name

Last

First

Middle

Local Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

E-mail address: _____

Cell or Local Phone: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____ UVM Student ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender:

Male

Female

How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program? _____

Please provide the names and permanent addresses of two people who will know how to reach you in the future (such as parents, grandparents, other relatives or close friends).

Name of Relative/Permanent Contact: _____

Permanent Contact Mailing Address: _____

City

State

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Section II - Academic Information

Are you currently registered as a full-time UVM undergraduate? ___ Yes ___ No

Class Standing: _____ Sophomore _____ Junior *first-years, seniors and graduate students not eligible

Current Major: _____ Minor: _____

Additional Major: _____

Name of Academic Advisor: _____

Office Location: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Number of credits earned to date: _____

Cumulative GPA (all courses): _____ GPA in Major(if known): _____

Date enrolled at UVM: _____ Projected graduation date: _____

Have you taken college courses at any other institution(s)? Yes No

If yes, please list all additional colleges and dates of attendance:

Note: If you transferred to UVM from another college or university, please provide an *official* transcript from that college or university. The transcript must contain the seal of the institution and be enclosed in an envelope sealed by the registrar. Include the unopened transcript in your application packet.

Primary language: _____

Other language(s) in which you are fluent: _____

Section III – Eligibility Information

All of the following information is used to assess your eligibility based upon federal regulations. Please check all appropriate categories.

I am a:

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident of the U.S.*
- I.D. #: _____
- Expiration Date: _____

* please include a photocopy of your official Permanent Resident I.D.

Previous TRIO Program Participant?

- Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Student Support Services (Project STAY)
- Educational Opportunity

Ethnicity: Choose an option

Hispanic Latino OR Non Hispanic/Latino

Racial Heritage (please circle all that apply)

- Black/African American
- American Indian
- Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian
- Native American Pacific Islander
- Asian
- White
- Other (specify) _____

Previous McNair Scholars Program Participant?

Yes No

Year _____

Institution _____

For financial aid purposes, if dependent, complete SECTION A; if independent, complete SECTION B.

Section A (dependent)

What is the size of your parents' household, including yourself?

Did your parents file a federal tax return last year? Yes No

If yes, what was their taxable income?

If no, place a "0" on the line for taxable income

Section B (independent)

What is the size of your household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____

Did you file a federal tax return last year?

Yes No

If yes, what was your taxable income? _____

If no, place a "0" on the line for taxable income

***You must include a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return. If your parent or someone else claimed you as a dependent, please submit that person's tax return.**

Family Information on Educational Attainment

Mother:

Highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

College degree earned, if any: Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate

Father:

Highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

College degree earned, if any: Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate

With whom did you regularly reside and receive support before the age of 18?

___ Mother only ___ Father only ___ Both Other: _____

My signature indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Section IV - Signature Release

SIGNATURE RELEASE FORM

University of Vermont

McNair Scholars Program

Name _____ UVM ID # _____

(please print)

This release form enables the UVM McNair Scholars Program to obtain the following information for the purpose of determining eligibility, developing education plans, and collecting program statistics:

- College/university admission & enrollment
- Grade reports/transcripts
- Financial aid reports and information regarding scholarships, fellowships, and other awards
- U.S. residency status
- Current contact information (address, phone number, email address)
- Past TRIO participation

Aspects of this information and the nature of your participation in the McNair Scholars Program may be shared with the U.S. Department of Education, the McNair Program Advisory Committee and UVM personnel in accordance with federal regulations and UVM policy.

My signature below indicates that I hereby authorize the release of my academic, personal, and medical (when necessary) records to the McNair Scholars Program at the University of Vermont for the purpose of serving my needs and meeting its federal regulations. My signature also authorizes the McNair Scholars Program to utilize individual and group photographs in which I'm included for the purpose of advertising and promoting the program. I also hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Section V - Personal Statement

Describe your educational and career goals from completion of your undergraduate degree through completion of your graduate/doctorate-level degree (**approximately 300 to 500 words**). Your statement should include the following components:

- Explain what you have done to prepare yourself to meet these goals (courses, work, extracurricular activities, etc...).
- In what ways would you like the McNair Scholars Program to help you prepare for graduate school?
- What motivates you to pursue graduate studies?

Please prepare this statement on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application. Your name should appear on the top right corner of each page.

Section VI - Statement of Research Interests

Please outline research interests upon which you would like to focus during the internship or fellowship period (**approximately 300 to 500 words**). Your statement should include the following components:

- Background (provide general information about the subject area)
- Contact/experience you've had in this area and/or event which inspired you to pursue these interests
- Value of the research to you: how would research in these areas fit into your academic or career aims?

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Section VII - Recommendation Forms

You will need three letters of recommendation. At least two of the letters must be from faculty members with an earned doctorate. The third may be from lecturers, teaching assistants, lab supervisors, employers or staff members. Please give a packet to each recommender **early** so they have adequate time to respond.

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Signature of applicant _____ Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Campus Address: _____

Campus Phone _____ Email _____

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