CSUF Ronald E. McNair Scholars Application

The CSUF McNair Scholars accepts applications year-round, but new Scholars do not join the cohort until the summer after their acceptance. If you are applying during the spring semester, please contact our office at 657-278-7667 to find out the cutoff date for applications in spring.

McNair Scholars Eligibility Checklist
Use this list to verify that you are eligible to be a McNair Scholar:

- More than 59 units completed by the end of the upcoming spring semester
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Low-income*
- First-generation college student** AND/OR underrepresented in graduate education*
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Currently enrolled at CSUF
- Expect to graduate from CSUF with a bachelor’s degree

*Low-income is defined by the Federal government using the family’s taxable income. To find out if you meet the requirements for “low income,” check the McNair Scholars website (www.fullerton.edu/mcnair) as it changes yearly.
**First-generation college student is defined by the Federal government as a student who has not resided with or received primary support from a parent who has received a bachelor’s degree or equivalent.
*** The following ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented in graduate education: Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

McNair Scholars Requirements
If you are accepted into the CSUF McNair Scholars, you will be required to:

- Attend group monthly meetings
- Attend at least 4 workshops a semester
- Complete an original research project with the help of a faculty mentor (research stipend included)
- Meet with the Academic Coordinator on a regular basis (weekly or biweekly)
- Provide McNair with copies of your syllabi each semester
- Submit a Progress Report each semester signed by your professors

McNair Scholars Application Checklist
The following items must be submitted for you to be considered:

- McNair Scholars Application
- Official Transcripts of all higher education institutions attended
- Personal Statement
- Copy of Financial Aid form (either FAFSA or SAR)
- One current letter of recommendation and completion of form by a faculty member

Your application cannot be evaluated unless all of the necessary materials have been received. Applications submitted in person should be submitted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to the reception staff at the McNair Scholars office in LH-809.

SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO:
CSUF Ronald E. McNair Scholars
California State University, Fullerton
P.O. Box 6870
Fullerton, CA 92834-6870

For more information, call the McNair Scholars at 657-278-7667 or drop by our office in Langsdorf Hall 809 (LH-809)
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name ___________________________ First Name ___________________________ MI ______

Date of Birth ___________________________ Gender □ Female □ Male
(Month/Day/Year)

Permanent Address (do not give a PO Box address)______________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code

Mailing Address (PO Box address is OK)______________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code

Telephone (____) ___________ E-mail address _______________________________________

Citizenship: □ Citizen □ Permanent Resident □ Other ___________________________

Social Security Number: ___________________________ Student ID Number: ___________________________

Ethnic Heritage:                       African-American
                        Chicano/Mexican-American
                        Native American
                        □ Mixed Heritage (please specify)
                        Asian (please specify) ___________________________
                        Latino
                        White
                        □ Other ___________________________

What is your first language? ___________________________

Please provide the names and permanent addresses of three people who will know how to reach you in the future:

Name of Relative/Permanent Contact ______________________________________
Relationship: ___________________________
Mailing Address ___________________________ Street
City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code
Telephone (____) ___________________________

Does your Relative/Permanent Contact speak a language other than English as a first or only language? If so, list her/his primary language here: ___________________________

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How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program? ____________________________

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

For financial aid purposes, are you considered dependent or independent?
If **dependent**, complete Section A; if **independent**, complete Section B.

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Please attach a copy of your most recent Financial Aid Form (either FAFSA or SAR).

**Educational Attainment of 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: □ Bachelor □ Master □ Doctorate  

**Educational Attainment of 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: □ Bachelor □ Master □ Doctorate  

With whom did you regularly reside and receive support from before the age 18?
□ Mother only □ Father only □ Both □ Other ____________________________

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Current Major/Minor, if any ____________________________

Name of your Major Advisor ____________________________

Number of units completed as of this Spring semester ________________

Projected graduation date FA SP SU __________

Current *Cumulative* CSUF GPA ________________

In what field would you consider obtaining a Ph.D. degree? ____________________________

What are your possible/intended career goals after obtaining a Ph.D.? ____________________________
### RESEARCH/ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please provide any information you wish to have considered:

- **Describe your research experience, if any. Include dates.**

- List any academic honors, distinctions, or scholarships you have received at the college level. Include dates.

- List any significant extracurricular activities or employment. Include dates.

### LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

One letter of recommendation from a faculty member is required (see Recommendation Form). Your recommendation should address how your academic preparation and interests make you well suited for the program. Keep in mind that this is a very important part of the application.

1. **Recommender’s Name**
   - **Institution**: ____________________________
   - **Department**: __________________________
   - **Telephone**: ____________________________

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

The selection committee will pay close attention to your personal statement. The statement should be 300-500 words and focus on your academic and career objectives. The committee would like to know about your research interests and why you feel obtaining a Ph.D. is essential in pursuing those interests. With regard to your academic and intellectual interests, the committee would like for you to mention the most exciting/stimulating academic experience(s) you have had as an undergraduate. You should also address how the McNair Scholars will help you reach your academic goals. Please attach a typed copy of your personal statement.

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

**Signature** ____________________________  **Date** ____________________________
CSUF McNair Scholars
Recommendation Form

Applicant’s Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________________

This section is to be completed by a **faculty member**, who is familiar with your academic abilities, and returned by the recommender directly to the McNair Scholars as soon as possible.

To the recommender:

The McNair Scholars is designed to prepare selected Cal State Fullerton undergraduates for graduate study in a Ph.D. program. The students spend two academic years developing writing and research skills while they plan a summer research project conducted under the mentorship of a faculty member.

- Please attach to this form a statement about the applicant. In your letter, we would like you to answer the following questions:
  
  How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
  
  What is your appraisal of the applicant’s promise as a graduate student and future scholar?
  
  Evaluate the applicant’s academic aptitude and preparation for graduate work, motivation for the pursuit of advanced graduate study, and present academic performance in area of concentration.

*The above named student is applying to the McNair Scholars. On the scale below, please rate the applicant with a check mark under the appropriate column.*

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Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

Name: _______________________________  Title: _____________________________

Address: ______________________________

Please return this form via inter-campus mail to the McNair Scholars, LH-809 or by regular mail to: California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6870, Fullerton, CA 92834-6870. If you have any questions, please contact Gerald Bryant at gbryant@fullerton.edu.

For more information about our program, please visit our website: [http://www.fullerton.edu/mcnair](http://www.fullerton.edu/mcnair)