

**2020-2021 McNair Scholars Program Application**

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is a TRIO program developed to prepare eligible high-achieving undergraduate students for the rigor of graduate study. Students admitted to the program participate in a variety of educational activities such as academic workshops and professional development seminars, and receive ongoing academic support from the McNair program staff through the completion of their undergraduate studies.

Additionally, outstanding McNair sophomores, juniors and seniors can compete for faculty-supervised summer research internships while in the program. Those who are selected for the internship receive a stipend of up to $2800. All McNair Scholars receive academic counseling, support with the graduate school application process and assistance with GRE preparation.

Developed to support first-generation college students who demonstrate financial need and are traditionally underrepresented in graduate education, the McNair Scholars Program ultimately aims to increase the number of Ph.D. recipients within these populations.

# Eligibility Requirements

To be considered eligible for participation in the McNair Scholars Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Possess a strong interest in graduate study.

* Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
* Have earned at least 30 credit hours and be a full-time student.
* Be a first-generation college student with demonstrated financial need as outlined by the

U.S. Department of Education OR a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduation

 education: American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (Non-Hispanic) or African-American, Hispanic

 or Latino, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

* Must be able to participate in a summer research internship, if selected.

Priority consideration will be given to students who meet the above eligibility requirements and have a cumulative of 3.0 or higher.



# TRIO McNair Scholars Program Application Checklist

### Before you submit your application to the McNair Scholars Program, be sure you have each of the following:

* A completed, signed application
* A copy of you and/or your parents’ **Federal Income Tax Return(s) for Tax Year 2019.**
* A **personal statement**. Your personal statement should be typed (double space), 2-3 pages in length and address the reasons why you want to participate in the McNair Scholars Program. Please address your intent to pursue a graduate degree, your research interests and your career goals. Also, be sure to highlight any research projects or other scholarly activities that you have participated in as a college student.
* A copy of your unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
* Two recommendations from university faculty members (an electronic questionnaire will be e-mailed to your recommenders).



**TRIO McNair Scholars Program Application**

**PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last Name First Name Middle Name Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): / / Gender: M F

Last four digits of your Social Security Number: ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

University where you are enrolled (mark the corresponding box below):

 ☐ Saint Louis University ☐ Fontbonne University ☐ Harris–Stowe State University

☐ University of Missouri–St. Louis ☐ Washington University ☐ Webster University

 Do you currently reside on or off campus?

 ☐ On Campus ☐ Off Campus ☐ Off Campus with Parent/Guardian

Campus Address City State Zip code

( ) ( ) Campus Telephone Cell Phone

Permanent Home Address City State Zip code ( )

Permanent Home Telephone BANNER/Student ID #

Campus E-mail Address Personal/Alternate E-mail Address

**PART II: Eligibility**

## Citizenship:

###  ☐ U.S. Citizen

 ☐ U.S. Permanent Resident (Submit a copy of your Green Card with this application)

**Ethnicity (Check all that apply):**

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

 ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ White/Caucasian

 ☐ Other (please specify):

**First-Generation Status:**

Highest Grade Completed by Father (Please Circle): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 College degree earned, if any:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ☐ |  Associate’s | ☐ | Bachelor’s ☐ | Master’s |
| ☐ | Professional Degree | ☐ | Doctorate |  |

Highest Grade Completed by Mother (Please Circle): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 College degree earned, if any:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ☐ | Associate’s | ☐ | Bachelor’s ☐ | Master’s |
| ☐ | Professional Degree | ☐ | Doctorate |  |

Which parent did you primarily reside with and receive support from prior to the age of 18?

 ☐ Mother (natural or adoptive) ☐ Father (natural or adoptive)

 ☐ Both Mother and Father ☐ Neither Mother nor Father

I (Print Name), , hereby certify that I am a first-generation college student.

Signature: Date:

**PART II: Eligibility (Continued)**

## Financial Information:

### Are you currently eligible to receive federal financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Regarding your financial aid status, are you considered dependent or independent?

(If you are unsure, please visit https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/dependency)

### Dependent

Provide Parents’ Tax Information Below

Total federal **TAXABLE** income:

### Number of immediate family members in your household, including yourself:

* Independent

Provide Your Tax Information Below

Total federal **TAXABLE** income:

### Number of immediate family members in your household, including yourself:

Federal TRIO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels

(Effective **January 15, 2020** until further notice)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Size of Family Unit** | **48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions** | **Alaska** | **Hawaii** |
| **1** | $19,140 | $23,925 | $22,020 |
| **2** | $25,860 | $32,325 | $29,745 |
| **3** | $32,580 | $40,725 | $37,470 |
| **4** | $39,300 | $49,125 | $45,195 |
| **5** | $46,020 | $57,525 | $52,920 |
| **6** | $52,740 | $65,925 | $60,645 |
| **7** | $59,460 | $74,325 | $68,370 |
| **8** | $66,180 | $82,725 | $76,095 |

“The term ‘low-income individual’ means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount,” [U.S. Department of Education, 2020](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html).



**Please attach a copy of the first two pages of your parent’s Federal Income Tax Return(s) for Tax Year 2019, if you are a dependent student, or your own Federal Income Tax Return, if you are an independent student.**

I (Print Name), , hereby certify that the financial information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student’s Signature: Date:

Parent’s Signature: Date:

(Required for dependent students)

**PART III: Academic Information**

## Academic Goals & Interests:

### Are you interested in graduate study?

 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not sure

Are you interested in getting a Ph.D.?

 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not sure

If you marked ‘yes’ for the question above, in what field do you plan to pursue a Ph.D.?

Please indicate your projected start date for graduate school. Semester (fall, spring): Year:

List 2-4 universities that you are considering for graduate school.

1.

### 2.

3.

### 4.

List 1-2 research topics below that are of interest to you.

1.

### 2.

**Faculty Mentor:**

List 1-2 faculty members that you would like to potentially have as your mentor(s) while participating in the McNair Scholars Program. If you are a SLU student, please select 1-2 SLU faculty members. If you are at an institution other than SLU, you may list 1-2 faculty members at your institution. **(Non-SLU students: Please note that if you are selected for a summer research internship, you will have both a faculty mentor at your institution and one at SLU).**

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| **Name:** | **University:** | **Department:** |
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**PART III: Academic Information (Continued)**

## Current Academic Standing (Based on earned credit hours):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ☐ | Freshman (0-29 credit hours) | ☐ | Sophomore (30-59 credit hours) |
| ☐ | Junior (60-89 credit hours) | ☐ | Senior (90-120+ credit hours) |

### College: Department: Major:

Are you a transfer student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are a transfer student, what is the name of the last college or university that you attended?

Have you taken a research methods course in your major? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cumulative GPA: Anticipated Graduation Date:

Do you plan to study abroad? ☐ Yes, in (semester/year): ☐ No How many credit hours are you currently taking? credit hrs.

Have you participated in any of the following programs? (Check all that apply)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ☐ | Educational Talent Search (ETS) | ☐ | Student Support Services (SSS) |
| ☐ | Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) | ☐ | Upward Bound |
| ☐ | Gear Up | ☐ | Upward Bound Math-Science |
| ☐ | McNair Scholars Program |  |  |

**PART IV: Applicant Agreement**

**Please read the following statements below carefully and complete the certification statement at the bottom of this page.**

By submitting an application to the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the Saint Louis University, I acknowledge the following:

* I understand that I must complete all sections of this application, as well as submit additional supporting documentation (proof of citizenship, if applicable, statement of purpose, Federal Tax Return(s), unofficial transcripts and faculty recommendations) in order to be considered for admission to the McNair Scholars Program at Saint Louis University. My application will be considered incomplete until all required documents have been received by the McNair Program Office.
* I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the McNair Scholars Program.
* All of the information that I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I understand that if there is evidence that I have provided any false information, I am subject to removal from the program.

### I (Print Name), , hereby certify that the above information is true.

Signature: Date:

**Please return all application materials to:**

**McNair Scholars Program**

**Saint Louis University**

**Center for Global Citizenship, Suite 130**

**3672 West Pine Mall**

**St. Louis, MO 63108**

**-OR-**

**Scan and e-mail to:**

**slumcnair@slu.edu**



**TRIO McNair Scholars Recommendations**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student ID or SS #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) gives students the right to inspect and review their educational records. However, you may waive your right to see specific confidential recommendations such as those required for McNair. Not checking either box indicates confidentiality by default.

☐I hereby waive my right of access to letters of recommendation submitted on my behalf to the TRIO McNair Scholars Program at Saint Louis University.

☐I do not waive my right of access to letters of recommendation submitted on my behalf to the TRIO McNair Scholars Program at Saint Louis University.

### Applicant’s Signature: Date:

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#### Reference Contact Information

#### All McNair Scholars Program applicants are required to provide the names and contact information of two faculty members who can recommend them for admission to the program. The individuals listed will be e-mailed a link to an online recommendation form. Please only list faculty who would be able to confidently indicate what experience and skills you possess that demonstrate your potential for graduate study. Also make sure that you provide the correct e-mail address for each faculty member.

#### We will accept one recommendation from a non-faculty member, provided that the individual has earned a Ph.D.

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| Name | Title | University | E-mail Address |
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