



MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Hunter College-City University of New York



Dear Hunter College Student:

Thank you for your interest in the McNair Scholars Program. Your application will be considered complete when all of the following documents have been submitted:

- Completed McNair Scholar Application
- Unofficial Transcripts from all colleges attended
- Student Aid Report (SAR)
- 2 page personal statement
- 5-10 page writing sample
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Financial documentation

Please note that application submission does not guarantee an interview or program acceptance. Additionally, your application will be reviewed only after all required documents have been received. The application guidelines and eligibility requirements are listed throughout the following pages. **The deadline for complete applications is Friday, February 17, 2012.**

If you have any questions, please contact the McNair Scholars Program via email at mcnairprogram@hunter.cuny.edu.

Sincerely,

McNair Scholars Program



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The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is a federally funded educational grant designed to provide select college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Students eligible to apply must meet the following requirements:

A	or	B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident • Be a rising sophomore or lower junior Hunter student • Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher • Be low income* AND a first-generation college student 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident • Be a rising sophomore or lower junior Hunter student • Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher • Be an underrepresented student**

* Please see page 2 for **Federal TRIO Program 2011 Annual Low-Income Levels**.

** Federal regulations define groups underrepresented in U.S. graduate education as Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Services provided under the McNair Scholars Program include opportunities to engage in academic research, mentoring, academic advising, and non-credit workshops. McNair Scholars receive a stipend linked to accomplishing specific academic milestones and assistance in securing admission and financial support for enrollment in doctoral programs. McNair Scholars also participate in campus visits to leading universities.

Eligible students interested in pursuing graduate studies in an academic discipline at the doctoral (Ph.D.) level are strongly encouraged to apply.

STUDENTS SEEKING PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE DEGREES IN BUSINESS (M.B.A.), LAW (J.D.), DENTISTRY (D.D.S.), MEDICINE (M.D.), K-12 EDUCATION (M.S.ED.), AND SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.) ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

Applicants considered as strong candidates for the program will be contacted for an interview after review of all required documents.

Acceptance and continued participation in the program is contingent on federal funding.

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APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED.

Applicants must submit the following required documents:

- 1) Completed McNair Scholar Application **by Friday, February 17, 2012**
- 2) Unofficial Transcripts from all colleges attended
- 3) Student Aid Report (SAR)
(Please visit the following website to obtain your SAR: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>)
- 4) 2 Page Personal Statement (see page 5 for a description of what should be included in statement).
- 5) 5-10 Page Writing Sample
- 6) 2 Letters of Recommendation
(Recommendations must be obtained from Hunter College professors with whom you have taken courses or participated in research projects or internships. Please provide the faculty members with the recommendation forms and program information sheets (pages 7-10 of the application).
- 7) Financial Documentation

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ONE (1) OF THE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS LISTED UNDER I
OR
ONE (1) OF THE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS LISTED UNDER II.

I. A Signed Copy of the most recent US or Puerto Rico Income Tax Return

- a.) If you are a **dependent** and your parent(s) claim you as a personal exemption, submit a copy of your parent(s) **current** tax return (1040).
- b.) If you are **independent** and file your own tax return, please bring a copy of your **current** tax returns (1040).

II. Other Income Documentation

If you or your parents receive **Public Assistance** or **Social Security** benefits, please request an income verification letter from the appropriate agency. You may also bring a document from another government source that verifies your income and household size.

All submitted information is kept strictly confidential.

FOR FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 1 - 800 - 4FEDAID OR 1 - 319 - 337- 5665.

Federal TRIO Programs 2011 Annual Low Income Levels

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$16,335	\$20,400	\$18,810
2	\$22,065	\$27,570	\$25,395
3	\$27,795	\$34,740	\$31,980
4	\$33,575	\$41,910	\$38,565
5	\$39,255	\$49,080	\$45,150
6	\$44,985	\$56,250	\$51,735
7	\$50,715	\$63,420	\$58,320
8	\$56,445	\$70,590	\$64,905

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html> (Effective January 20, 2011 until further notice.)

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member:

- \$5,730 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, and outlying jurisdictions
- \$7,170 for Alaska
- \$6,585 for Hawaii

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Did your mother receive a Bachelor's Degree or higher? Yes No

Did your father receive a Bachelor's Degree or higher? Yes No

Do you currently hold a Bachelor's of Arts or Science degree? Yes No

If yes, state degree, field, year, and university from which the degree was conferred:

Do you have a graduate level degree? Yes No

If yes, state degree, field, year, and university from which the degree was conferred:

Are you receiving financial aid? Yes No If yes, select the financial aid type(s) you receive below:
TAP Yes No Pell Yes No Other _____

Have you received any scholarships, monetary awards, or participated in honors programs? Yes No

If yes, please list all scholarships, awards, and honors programs and dates for each:

Do you plan to apply to graduate school? Yes No

If yes, when do you anticipate attending? _____ / _____
Month / Year

Have you participated in any undergraduate research programs or have any prior research experience?
 Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you taken a research writing or research methods course? Yes No

If yes, which course(s)? _____

What types of Ph.D. programs are you interested in pursuing? _____

What research topic would you like to investigate as a McNair Scholar? _____

Why is this topic worth researching? _____

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please list two Hunter College faculty members who will be providing recommendations. Each letter of recommendation should have a recommendation form completed and attached. See pages 7, 8, 9, and 10 for recommendation forms.

Name	Title/ Position	Department	Telephone
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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please submit a personal statement or a two-page essay describing your:

- 1) area(s) of academic interests,
- 2) career aspirations and goals,
- 3) thoughts on the academic profession, and
- 4) any pertinent information that you feel would be helpful in evaluating your application.

I hereby affirm that the statements made by me in this application are truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that this application does not contain any false statements or misrepresentations. I understand that the McNair Scholars Program at Hunter College-CUNY may be required to verify and obtain financial and/or academic information about me in order to determine my eligibility for services according to federal regulations. I further grant the McNair staff access to my transcript. I understand that submission of the application and required documents does not guarantee an interview or program acceptance. I understand that information obtained will be kept strictly confidential.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE MCNAIR PROGRAM RECEIVES ALL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS.

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Please return the completed application to:

**McNair Scholars Program
Hunter College-CUNY
695 Park Avenue - Room 1238 East
New York, NY 10065**



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

The student named below is applying to Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at Hunter College. A description of the program is provided with this form. In the *Additional Comments* section, please include any information that would help assess the applicant's potential for this program. Please attach the form to your recommendation letter and return directly to **Hunter McNair Scholars Program, Room 1237/1238 East** or to the student in a sealed signed envelope. If you have any questions please contact our office by phone at **(212) 772-4824** or email at **mcnairprogram@hunter.cuny.edu**.

(Please Type or Print)

STUDENT

Last	First	Middle
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Name	Title/ Position	Department
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Telephone	Email
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In what capacity do you know this student?

How long have you known this student? _____

In which of your classes did the student enroll and what grade did s/he receive?

Please rate the applicant relative to other students within this same field:

Criteria	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Knowledge
Motivation for proposed program study				
Analytic Skills				
Communication Skills				
Oral				
Written				
Ability to work independently				
Ability to work with others				
Potential for graduate school success				
Self-Motivation				
Social sensitivity				
Personal Responsibility				

Additional Comments _____

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Mentor Information Sheet

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The Program Assists Students in Reaching Their Academic and Career Goals

Preparation and training make a difference. Services provided by the McNair Scholars Program assist students in improving undergraduate academic performance and developing critical skills and experiences for graduate school success.

Provided resources include:

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