Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the McNair Scholars Program. Please read the following instructions carefully in order to successfully complete the application.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair Scholars Program) is a federally funded TRIO educational grant designed to provide select college students with effective preparation for doctoral study. Students admitted to the program will have approximately two years remaining until graduation. Program participants engage in research, seminars, and other scholarly and educational activities. Services to students include academic research, mentoring, graduate application assistance, academic advising, college visits, non-credit workshops and exposure to cultural events. McNair Scholars receive a stipend of up to $2,800 linked to accomplishing specific academic milestones and assistance in securing admission and financial support for enrollment in doctoral programs.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application will have the following documents submitted:

1. Completed McNair Scholar Application
2. Unofficial Transcripts from all colleges attended
3. Student Aid Report (SAR). Download from the following website: www.fafsa.ed.gov
4. 2 page personal statement:
   On a separate sheet, in 250-300 words please provide a clear description of the following:
   - What Ph.D. program are you interested in pursuing?
   - Why you chose this field? What are your career goals?
   - What research topic would you like to investigate as a McNair Scholar?
   - Why is this topic worth researching?
5. 5-10 page writing sample (This can be a paper from a course you have completed.)
6. 2 letters of recommendation on department letterhead with the recommendation form from Hunter College professors
7. Financial documentation
   - Signed Copy of the most recent US or Puerto Rico Income Tax Return
     * If you are a dependent, submit a copy of your parent(s) current tax return (1040).
   OR
   - Income verification letter from the appropriate agency from Public Assistance or Social Security.

Submit the completed application to Hunter College’s McNair Scholars Program, Room 1238 East. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the McNair Scholars Program at mcnairprogram@hunter.cuny.edu.
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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<td>• Completed at least 60 credits (Transfer students must have completed one semester at Hunter).</td>
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<td>• Be a first-generation AND low income college student (For information on Federal TRIO Program Low Income Levels see <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelvels.html">www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelvels.html</a>)</td>
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NOTE:
- 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, such as Business (M.B.A.), Law (J.D.), Dentistry (D.D.S.), Medicine (M.D.), K-12 Education (M.S.Ed.), Nursing (M.S.N.) and Social Work (M.S.W.) are ineligible for the program.
- Students enrolled in other Hunter College Honors or Opportunity Programs should consult with the McNair Program staff to determine eligibility prior to submission of application. The McNair Scholars Program will follow federal regulations, required to prevent duplication of services and to ensure more students are served, as designated by federal guidelines - 34 CFR 643.11(b) and 34 CFR 647.11(d).
- Program acceptance and continued participation are contingent on federal funding and completion of mandatory program requirements.
- The McNair Director will contact scholars’ faculty mentors periodically to determine if program participants are meeting the expected potential for graduate school readiness and successfully completing the required research parameters defined by the mentors.
- 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. Please pay close attention to the application guidelines and eligibility requirements are listed throughout the following pages first before attempting to apply.
Please print or type all answers. Do not leave any blanks.

Last Name     First Name      Middle Name
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Address   Apt    City    State   Zip code
(____)_______________________(____)____________________________________________________________
Home Telephone               Cell Phone     Email Address
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth    Place of Birth

Social Security Number: ___________________    Hunter CUNYfirst Student Number ______________________

U.S. Citizen ___Yes ___No
Permanent Resident ___Yes ___No (Provide copy of Permanent Residency card, front and back)
Gender: ____________
Race/Ethnicity (Check all that apply):
__ African American/Black
__ Asian or Pacific Islander
__ Caucasian/White
__ Hispanic/Latino
__ Native American or Native Alaskan
__ Other: ________________________
Please specify any accommodations needed:
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

EDUCATION

Current Major(s)      Current Minor(s)
_____________________________________________________________________________________________
Desired program of graduate study: _____________________________________________________________
Class standing: ___Sophomore ___Junior ___Other: _________________________________
Credits completed: _______ Credits in your major: _______ Pending transfer credits: _______
Overall GPA _____________ Major GPA _____________ Expected date of graduation: ____/20__
Are you currently in enrolled in an honors or other program that prepares students for graduate study?
___Yes ___No
If yes, please list the program(s):
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Did your mother receive a Bachelor’s degree or higher? ___Yes ___No
Did your father receive a Bachelor’s degree or higher? ___Yes ___No
Did you attend a community college? ___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:
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Have you received scholarships/awards at Hunter College? ___Yes ___No
If yes, please list all scholarships/awards and dates:
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Do you plan to apply to graduate school? ___Yes ___No
If yes, when do you anticipate attending? ___/20___
Have you participated in any undergraduate research programs or have any prior research experience? ___Yes ___No
If yes, please explain and include program(s) and dates:
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Have you taken a research writing or research methods course? ___Yes ___No
If yes, which course(s)?
___________________________________________________________________________

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
Name of employer ____________________________________________________________________________
Position_______________________________________ Hours per week____________________________

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
Please list two Hunter College faculty members who will be providing recommendations. Each letter of recommendation should be on department letterhead and should have a completed recommendation form attached.

Name   Title/ Position   Department  Telephone/email
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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 (34 CFR 645.4). 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. If accepted to the program, I agree to participate in recruitment activities, which may include usage of photographs for marketing materials.

Signature of Applicant ____________________________________________  Date ______________________
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please print or type all answers.

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Please attach the form to your recommendation letter on departmental letterhead and return directly to Hunter McNair Scholars Program, Room 1237/1238 East or to the student in a sealed signed enveloped. If you have any questions please contact our office by phone at (212) 772-4824 or email at mcnairprogram@hunter.cuny.edu.

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