

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before applying, be sure you qualify. The following are requirements for acceptance into the McNair Program:

1. You must either be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
2. You must either be a first-generation college student (neither parent has a college degree) with financial need (see TRiO Programs 2006 Annual Low Income Levels chart in this package)
OR be in an under-represented group: Black, Hispanic, Native American, or Native Alaskan/Aleut.
3. You will have at least 60 credit hours by the end of Spring semester.
4. You have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
5. You have a desire to earn a doctoral degree.

If you qualify, fill out the form titled, Application for the McNair Program at MTSU.

Write a personal statement of 350-400 words that describes your educational and career goals. (See Application for more details.)

Submit two sealed letters of recommendation from faculty. These should be from individuals who can best assess your ability for academic research and your potential for graduate school. At least one letter must come from a faculty member who has taught a class you have taken. Include the sealed letters with your completed application. If they prefer, your recommenders may email their recommendations to mcnair@mtsu.edu.

When all materials are returned (completed application, personal statement, letters of recommendation) you will be invited for an informal interview with McNair staff, assuming you qualify for the program. This is the final step in the process.

Questions? Call 904-8462.



APPLICATION FOR THE McNAIR PROGRAM AT MTSU

PERSONAL

Name: _____ MTSU "M" No.: _____
Last First MI

Local Address: _____
Street Apt. No. City State ZIPCODE

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____ Permanent Resident No. _____ Gender: M F

Ethnicity: African American Caucasian Hispanic Native American Native Alaskan Asian Other _____

Are you first-generation college (neither parent or guardian has a Bachelors degree)? Yes No

Are you low-income based on the Federal guidelines attached to this application? Yes No

What is your cumulative GPA? _____ How many credit hours do you have (not counting this semester)? _____

Do you want to earn a doctoral degree? Yes Maybe No

How did you hear about the McNair Program? _____

FAMILY

Mother's (guardian's) highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Her highest college degree earned, if any: No degree Bachelors Masters Ed.D. Ph.D. M.D. J.D.

Father's (guardian's) highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

His highest college degree earned, if any: No degree Bachelors Masters Ed.D. Ph.D. M.D. J.D.

FINANCIAL AID

Have you filled out a FAFSA form at MTSU? Yes No

If you check Yes, skip Financial Aid section.

What is the size of your immediate family, including yourself? _____

Do you receive financial support from or live with your parents? Yes No

Did you file a Federal Income Tax Return last year? Yes No

If yes, what was your **taxable** income (not gross income)? \$ _____

If you were claimed as a dependent on your parents' tax return last year, what was their **taxable** income? \$ _____

If you receive financial aid, what type? Pell Work Study Loan(s) Scholarship(s)

Please specify loans and scholarships. _____

Which, if any, of the following do you receive? Social Security/SSI AFDC Child Support VAGI Bill Other None

WORK

Are you currently employed? Yes No If yes, how many hours per week? 1-19 20-35 36 or more

Will you be available for an eight-week, 37.5-hour-per-week research internship in the summer during Session III? Yes No

ACADEMIC

What is your major? _____ Your minor? _____

Have you considered an area you would like to research in the McNair Program? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

When do you intend to graduate (semester and year)? _____

What is your intended graduate school major? _____

Are you familiar with the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)? Yes No

Have you thought about which graduate schools you might like to attend? Yes No

If yes, please list the graduate schools of interest: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate sheet of paper to be attached to this application type a personal statement (350-400 words) that describes your educational and career goals. Your statement may also address the following questions: How have you prepared yourself to meet these goals? How does McNair fit into your plans?

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

This release authorization enables the McNair Program to obtain copies of all academic and financial aid reports of an applicant, including transcripts and financial aid eligibility. This information may be shared with other university personnel in accordance with Federal regulations and university policy. You have access to all your records in the McNair Program, excluding letters of recommendation.

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted is complete and accurate. I understand that the failure to disclose information is grounds for not being accepted into the McNair Program at MTSU and/or, if accepted, reason for immediate termination.

Signature

Date: _____

VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID FORM

Please sign the accompanying Verification of Financial Aid form and return it with this application to the McNair office.

CHECKLIST

- Application form complete and signed
- Personal statement complete
- Letters of recommendation requested from two sources
- Verification of Financial Aid form signed

**TO: Financial Aid Office – Please complete and return to the McNair Program,
Box 301 or fax to 898-5250**

Student's Name (please print)

Student "M" Number

I hereby authorize the Middle Tennessee State University McNair Scholars Program to receive copies of all my academic and financial aid records, including enrollment verification, transcripts, financial aid budget/award, and any other information pertaining to my enrollment.

Signature of Student

Date

The U. S. Department of Education requires this office to obtain verification of financial aid awards for Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program scholars. Please provide amount(s). Thank you for your cooperation.

	Current Year Award
Present Taxable Income (parents)	\$
Present Taxable Income (student)	\$
PELL	\$
SEOG	\$
PERKINS LOAN	\$
CWSP	\$
HHSL	\$
SCHOLARSHIP	\$
STAFFORD LOAN	\$
FELLOWSHIP	\$

Signature of Authorizing Official

Date

**Federal TRIO Programs
Current-Year Low-Income Levels**

(Effective January 20, 2011 Until Further Notice)

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	\$33,525	\$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

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; and \$6,585 for Hawaii.

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.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the [Federal Register](#), Vol. 76, No. 13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638.