

California State University, Bakersfield



Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program 2009-2010 Application

Application Deadline:
Friday, May 1, 2009

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Application received (Date & Time): _____ Received By: _____



California State University, Bakersfield

9001 Stockdale Highway, 11 EDUC
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
(661) 654-6618

**2009-2010 APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE
CSU BAKERSFIELD MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

- Submit application with supporting documents to the McNair Scholars Program by **Friday, May 1, 2009** (*Incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be reviewed*)
- Attach your personal statement
- Attach a writing sample
- Include transcripts from **ALL** colleges/universities attended (unofficial copies are acceptable)
- Attach a photocopy of your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return
- Attach a photocopy of your most recent FAFSA or SAR Report
- Attach a photocopy of your most recent CSUB Financial Aid Award letter
- Three (3) Recommendation Letters/ Forms

Submit all application materials to the following address by Friday, May 1, 2009:

McNair Scholars Program
California State University, Bakersfield

Education Building, Room 247
9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
Phone: (661) 654-6618
Email: mcnair@csub.edu

Thank you for your interest in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.
We look forward to reviewing your application.



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Eligibility Requirements

Qualifications and Eligibility (check all that apply):

- Applicants must be low-income individuals who are first generation college students
(Federal Guidelines stipulate that an applicant must only consider the educational status of his/her parents to determine whether or not the applicant qualifies as a first generation college student)

AND/OR

- Members of a group traditionally underrepresented in doctorate education
(Chicano/Latino, African-American, or Native American)
- As of Fall 2009, applicants must be junior or senior status
- Applicants must be enrolled in a formal degree program at California State University, Bakersfield on a full-time basis
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- Applicants must be considering graduate study with a desire to pursue a Ph.D.
(not a professional degree such as J.D. or M.D.)

I understand that I must submit a completed application in order to be considered for the McNair Scholars Program, and that my application does not automatically qualify me for the program. My

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

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____



CSUB McNair Post-Baccalaureate

Achievement Program - Application

The information contained in this application is solely for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received is confidential. **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____

First Name _____ MI _____

Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____

CSUB ID # _____ Male Female

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other: _____

Local Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip

Permanent Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone (____) _____

Work Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email _____

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

What is your first language? _____

II: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligibility as a First-Generation College Student

If applicable, sign the following statement

The definition of a "first-generation college student" reflects my background accurately: the natural or adoptive parents with whom I resided before my 18th birthday have not received a Bachelor's degree from college. If I regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, that parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree.

By TRiO and McNair definitions, I am a first-generation college student.

Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes No

With regards to financial aid, are you considered independent or dependent from you parents? _____

If Independent:	If Dependent:
What is the size of your household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____	What was the size of your parent's household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____
Did you file a federal income tax return for last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did your parents file a federal income tax return for last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what was your taxable income? \$ _____	If yes, what was their taxable income? \$ _____
**Please include a photocopy of the appropriate federal income tax return.	**Please include a photocopy of the appropriate federal income tax return.

III. FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____
Last
First
MI

Mailing Address _____
Street
City
State
Zip

Highest Grade Completed (please circle): 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Degree Earned (check all that apply): None Bachelor's Master's Ph.D.

Mother's Name _____
Last
First
MI

Mailing Address _____
Street
City
State
Zip

Highest Grade Completed (please circle): 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Degree Earned (check all that apply): None Bachelor's Master's Ph.D.

IV: EDUCATION INFORMATION

List the names of all colleges and universities attended.

School Name and Location (City, State)	Enrolled From		To	
	Month	Year	Month	Year

- Attach an unofficial transcript from all colleges listed or make arrangements to have them sent to the McNair Office prior to the application deadline.

CSUB GPA _____ Cumulative/ Overall GPA _____ Last Quarter GPA _____

Expected Graduation (Quarter, Year) _____ Number of Earned Units _____

Current Major _____ Minor _____

Class Standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Are you currently registered as a full-time undergraduate? Yes No

Have you received your Bachelor's degree? Yes No

Are you working? Yes No Number of Hours (week): _____ Work Study? Yes No

Do you plan to attend graduate school? Yes No

If yes: 1. When do you anticipate applying to graduate school? _____

2. What is your proposed field of graduate study? _____

3. What degree do you seek? Uncertain Master's Ph.D. Ed.D.
 Prof. Doctorate (J.D., M.D., D.V.M., etc.) Other

V: RESEARCH AND ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please provide the name, title, department, institution, and phone number of the person who first encouraged you to apply for the McNair Scholars Program.

Recommender's Name _____

Department _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Phone (____) _____

List any academic honors, distinctions, or scholarships you have received at the college level. Also include any significant extracurricular activities or employment (list dates).

Describe any research experience you have had at the university level. Make sure to include what you accomplished and name the professor(s) with whom you worked.

State your research interests. What would you like to base your McNair research project on?

Provide the names of two faculty who would be ideal mentors for the research project stated above.

1. _____

I have already discussed the project with this professor.

2. _____

I have already discussed the project with this professor.

VI: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please describe your strengths and weaknesses in regards to your preparation for graduate study, your reasons for undertaking graduate study at the doctoral level, and your career objectives. Provide your personal insights as to why you should be selected for participation in this program and what you expect to gain from this experience. In addition, please identify the contributions that you wish to make to your chosen field of study as well as to your community. You should address each of these topics in a statement not to exceed 1,000 words. Statements must be typed (double spaced).

VII: A WRITING SAMPLE

Attach a writing sample of at least 3 pages that was completed in the last year, such as a paper from a course.

VIII: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation **and** forms are required (2 must be completed by faculty members). The 3rd letter/ form may be completed by a counselor, advisor, coach, or someone who can attest to your academic and personal accomplishments. Your recommendations should address how your academic preparation and your interests make you well-suited for the McNair Scholars Program.

1. Recommender's Name _____

Department _____

Title _____

Institution _____

Phone (_____) _____

2. Recommender's Name _____

Department _____

Title _____

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McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program



*This form must be completed by your recommender and returned to **YOU** in a sealed envelope along with a letter of recommendation for inclusion in your application packet.*

I HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO EXAMINE THIS LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CSUB MCNAIR PROGRAM WILL UTILIZE THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF MY ADMISSION TO THE MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM. MY RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THIS RECOMMENDATION IS NOT A CONDITION OF MY ADMISSION.

Please initial your choice: _____ **I agree to the above waiver** _____ **I do not agree to the above waiver**

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Applicant: _____ **CSUB ID:** _____

To the Recommender:

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare student participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. The program will work closely with these participants throughout their undergraduate years, encourage their entrance into graduate programs, and track their progress to successful completion of advanced degrees.

Please attach this form to a statement about the applicant. In your letter, we would like you to answer the following questions:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What is your appraisal of the applicant's promise as a graduate student and future scholar?
3. Evaluate the applicant's academic aptitude and preparation for graduate work, motivation for the pursuit of advanced graduate study, and present academic performance in his/her area of concentration.

On the scale below, please rate the applicant with a check mark under the appropriate column.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	No Opinion
Leadership Ability					
Self-Discipline					
Initiative					
Integrity					
Creativity					
Maturity					
Academic Aptitude and Potential					

for Graduate Work					
Present Academic Performance in Area of Concentration					
Motivation for the Proposed Program of Study					

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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