



The California State University, Sacramento McNair Scholars Program is a two-year program designed to prepare selected CSUS students in junior and senior standing, for admission and study at the doctoral level. The McNair Scholars Program admits undergraduate students who show a strong desire to obtain a Ph.D.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Low-income background (As defined by the U.S. Department of Education) **and** be a first generation college student (from a family in which neither parent or guardian has obtained a bachelor's degree); **OR** member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Pacific Islander, or American Indian/Alaskan Native, as defined by federal regulations)
- Completion of 60 units
- Be an undergraduate student enrolled a full-time at CSUS
- Possess a 2.8 minimum GPA
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be willing to commit to the program requirements. There is a minimum 3-semester commitment while in school that includes summer participation, and 10 years of tracking after completion of the baccalaureate degree.

To apply for the McNair Scholars Program, please submit the following:

- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ Writing Sample
- ✓ A copy of **ALL** college transcripts (including community colleges, other universities and CSUS)
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation along with the Recommendation Forms (two must come from faculty members referencing your academic capabilities and one personal i.e., employer, counselor, etc.)
- ✓ A copy of a current tax return and financial aid award summary; or documentation of income

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

If you have questions email mcnair@csus.edu or visit us at www.csus.edu/mcnair



A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. NAME: _____ Student ID: _____
Last First MI

2. ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____)____-____ CELL NUMBER: (____)____-____

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

5. GENDER: FEMALE MALE

6. DATE OF BIRTH: _____(DD/MM/YYYY)

7. PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
City State/Zip Code

8. DATE YOU FIRST ATTENDED COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

9. ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN: YES NO IF NO, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

PERMANENT RESIDENT: YES NO COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ETHNIC IDENTITY (USED ONLY FOR FUNDING SOURCE)

- AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE; TRIBE: _____
- BLACK, INCLUDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISPANIC PACIFIC ISLANDER
- OTHER

10. Do you have any Social Media Accounts? YES NO How often do you use? _____

Social Media Account Names: FB: _____ Twitter: _____

Instagram: _____ Other: _____



B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The information contained in this application is for the purpose of determining eligibility for the CSUS Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. Information received is treated confidentially.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL DETERMINE IF YOU ARE AN INDEPENDENT OR DEPENDENT STUDENT:

- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
- Are you 24 years of age or older? Yes No
- As of today, are you married? Yes No
- Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you? Yes No
- Are both of your parents deceased, or are you a ward/dependent of the court? Yes No
- Do you have dependents who live with you & receive more than ½ of their support from you? Yes No

If you answered NO to **every** question, you are a DEPENDENT student. Complete Section 1 and provide parents taxes.

If you answered YES to **any** question, you are an INDEPENDENT student. Complete Section 2 and provide your taxes.

SECTION 1 FOR DEPENDENT STUDENTS

- What is the size of your parents' household, including yourself? _____
- Did your parent(s) file a federal tax return? Yes No
- If yes, what was their **taxable income**? \$ _____
- (Taxable income is found on line 27 on IRS tax form 1040A; line 6 form 1040EZ; or line 43 form 1040)
- If no, place a "0" on the line above for taxable income.

SECTION 2 FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

- What is the size of your household including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____
- Did you file a federal tax return? Yes No
- If yes, what was your **taxable income**? \$ _____
- (Taxable income is found on line 27 on IRS tax form 1040A; line 6 form 1040EZ; or line 43 form 1040)
- If no, place a "0" on the line above for taxable income.

SEND A SIGNED PHOTOCOPY OF THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORM AND A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT AWARD LETTER



PART II (FIRST GENERATION VERIFICATION)

Did either of your parents (natural or adoptive) earn a bachelor’s degree? YES NO

1. Please indicate Mother’s highest grade level of education completed:
(1st- 12th)

College degree earned, if any: Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate

2. Please indicate Father’s highest grade level of education completed:
(1st-12th)

College degree earned, if any: Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate

3. Whom did you reside with or receive support from (up to age 18)?

Mother only Father only Both parent(s)/guardian(s)

C. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1. Current Institution: _____

2. Current cumulative overall GPA: _____

3. Please list other academic institutions attended in the space below.

YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION OF ALL COLLEGES ATTENDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION, INCLUDING A COPY OF YOUR CSUS TRANSCRIPT.

4. What is your current undergraduate major? _____

5. Units Completed _____



- 6. Have you taken the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE)? YES NO Score _____ Pass/Fail
- 7. What is your projected graduation date (Semester/Year)? _____
- 8. Are you interested in graduate school? YES NO
- 9. What is your anticipated graduate major? _____
- 10. In what field do you wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree? _____
- 11. Will you pursue an academic career in college/university teaching and/or research? YES NO
- 12. Please list any research experience –you have had:

D. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please forward link or download and send directly to faculty. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation and three (3) recommendation forms assessing your academic ability, research potential, and your motivation and preparation to undertake graduate study. Two of the letters must be from faculty members in your major. If you are a former participant in any of the TRIO programs (Educational Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Centers, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science, Veteran’s Upward Bound and Student Support Services) one recommendation must come from the director/counselor of the program in which you participated. Below, please list the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of your recommendation providers.

NAME	DEPARTMENT	CITY/STATE/ZIP	TELEPHONE



PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please respond to the following questions and submit a separate word document. (3 typed pages maximum).

- a.) Provide discuss your reason for wanting to participate in the California State University, Sacramento Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program.
- b.) Have you experienced social, economic, or other disadvantages that you have had to overcome? Please discuss the ways in which these experiences have affected your academic opportunities.
- c.) Please discuss your academic and career goals, and research interests. In addition, discuss your potential to succeed in a doctoral program.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information given on the application is true, accurate, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the McNair Scholars Program to request and receive copies of my entire academic and financial aid records, including transcripts, grade reports, financial aid eligibility, and any other information pertaining to enrollment in the McNair Scholars Program at any time they deem necessary.

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Signature & Date