Eligibility Requirements for the McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program is offered on a competitive basis. To qualify, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Meet federal low-income guidelines and be in the first generation of your family to complete a bachelor’s degree, or be a member of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Have and maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Have an interest in graduate education.
- Have the passion and drive to work hard and persevere on the path toward fulfilling a dream!
Application Checklist
McNair Scholars Program

**Completed application packets must be submitted to the McNair Scholars Program by 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2015, in order to be considered for this year’s program. The McNair office is located in Zellner Hall, Room 130.**

Please provide the following for consideration:

_____ McNair scholar Application fully completed

_____ 300-word essay (Note criteria below)

_____ Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty members
   (Faculty instructions can be found at the back of the application packet. Please make sure you choose a faculty member who has taught a course you took.)

_____ A writing sample (paper or essay from previous coursework that will provide us with an example of your best work)

_____ Unofficial copies of transcripts

_____ A copy of the most recent family or personal income tax return (usually an IRS form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) or a signed statement indicating federal low-income status (statement available in McNair Scholars office)

Which of the following criteria are applicable to you:

_____ Low Income (Go to: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html for current government income levels)

_____ First-generation college student

_____ Underrepresented in graduate school (groups considered underrepresented according to government regulations: Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander)

_____ Present GPA (3.0 or better)

_____ U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Criteria for Essay
Please provide on a separate sheet of paper (handwritten or typed) a 300-word essay that incorporates the following:

A. Give a brief intellectual autobiography describing the formation of your academic interest and present concerns. Include reason(s) for desiring to become a McNair Scholar.

B. Describe your tentative plans for research (either specific problems or general areas in which you hope to work).

C. Describe your career or professional goals.

D. Add any other relevant information.
Program Application
McNair Scholars Program
Abilene Christian University

Student Information

Name: ________________________________________________________________________

                Last            First            M.I.

Social Security #: ___________________________  Banner ID: _________________________

Local Address: _________________________________________________________________

                Street          Apt.#          City          State          Zip

Permanent Address: _______________________________________________________________

                Street          Apt. #         City          State          Zip

Cell Phone: _________________________  Email Address: ____________________________

Birthdate: _________________________  Age: ______  Gender: ___ Male  ___ Female

Marital Status:  ___ Single  Ethnic Background:  ___ African American/Black

  ___ Married

  ___ Separated

  ___ Divorced

  ___ Other

Citizenship Status:  ___ U.S. Citizen  ___ Permanent Resident

If Permanent Resident, please provide your registration number:

Do you have children?  ___ Yes  ___ No  If yes, how many? _____

Are you a military veteran?  ___ Yes  ___ No

Do you receive any of the following?

  ___ Student Financial Aid  ___ Soc. Sec./S.S.I.  ___ Other

  ___ AFDC  ___ Child Support

  ___ VA/GI Bill  ___ Food Stamps
Please list the scholarships you are receiving: _______________________________________

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______________________________________________________________________________

Number of dependents in your household (refer to tax documents): ________
(If no one claims you on their taxes, include yourself only; if a parent or legal guardian claims you, include the total number in household; if married, include yourself, your spouse, and any children you may have)

Your employment status: ___ 1-19 hrs/wk ___ 20-35 hrs/wk ___ 36+ hrs/wk ___ Unemployed

Have you previously participated in any other TRiO programs? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please list the program and school: _______________________________________

Family Information

Do either of your parents (or legal guardians) have a four-year degree? ___ Yes ___ No

What is the highest grade level completed by your Mother or legal guardian?

___ GED
___ High School
___ Technical
___ Associate Degree
___ 4-yr College
___ Grad/Professional/Other

What is the highest grade level completed by your Father or legal guardian?

___ GED
___ High School
___ Technical
___ Associate Degree
___ 4-yr College
___ Grad/Professional/Other

Parents’ Marital Status:

___ Single
___ Married
___ Divorced
___ Separated
___ Other

Do your parents/legal guardians receive any of the following?

___ Student Financial Aid ___ Soc. Sec./S.S.I.
___ AFDC ___ Child Support
___ VA/GI Bill ___ Food Stamps
___ Other

May we utilize your personal information for statistical and/or follow-up information? ___ Yes ___ No

Initial Needs Assessment

University Status: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ____________ Other

Date of first enrollment at ACU: _____________ Current number of ACU hours accumulated: ________

If you transferred to ACU, what is the number of hours accumulated from other colleges? ________

What college/university did you attend? _____________________________

Current cumulative GPA at ACU: ________ Cumulative GPA from other college/university: ________
Major(s): ________________________________________________

Expected date of graduation: ________________________________

Are you presently on academic probation? ___ Yes    ___ No

Academic Advisor: ______________________________  Department: ___________________________

Academic plans after graduation:
___ Masters
___ Doctorate
___ Professional School (Medical, Law, etc.)
___ Full-Time Employment
___ Other

Do you have a physical or learning disability?   ___ Yes    ___ No

If yes, please explain: ____________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

The McNair Program offers many services to students. Please check the areas in which you feel you need assistance:

___ Preparation for graduate school    ___ Graduate Admissions
___ Graduation Program Selection    ___ Financial Assistance
___ Tutoring    ___ Personal counseling
___ Academic Advising    ___ Career Counseling
___ Study Skills    ___ Research Skills
___ GRE Preparation    ___ Stress Management
___ Test-taking Skills    ___ Mentoring
___ Relationships    ___ Interpersonal/Communication Skills

Who referred you to this program? (name and title/position)________________________________

I hereby certify that the information provided by me on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the ACU McNair Scholars Program will collect information regarding my future enrollment in other colleges and universities through the National Student Clearinghouse and will report information regarding my participation in the program to the Department of Education Office of Post-Secondary Programs in compliance with the guidelines for the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program annual performance report.

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Student Signature                                                                                     Date