



The California State University, Sacramento McNair Scholars Program is a one-year (Fall, Spring, Summer) 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. degree.

### 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 or more
- 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.
- Interest in pursuing a Ph.D. degree

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

- Completed application
- Personal Statement
- Writing Sample (e.g., previously graded essay)
- A copy of **ALL** unofficial college transcripts (including community colleges, other universities and CSUS)
- Three letters of recommendation along with the Recommendation Forms (at least 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, call (916) 278-5118, email [mcnair@csus.edu](mailto:mcnair@csus.edu), or visit the McNair Scholars Office at California State University, Sacramento, Riverfront Center 203, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6114 or visit us at [www.csus.edu/mcnair](http://www.csus.edu/mcnair)*



## A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

3. Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Home Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

4. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Gender: Female  Male

6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/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 below:*

Permanent Resident:  Yes  No Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please check your race/ethnicity (*used only for funding source*):

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Pacific Islander

Black, including African-American

Hispanic

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Permanent address of a relative that you do not reside with:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Address/City/State/Zip/Telephone

12. Do you have any Social Media Accounts? YES  NO  How often do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Account Names: FB: \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. How did you hear about us? Check all that apply.

Social media

Website

Referral from faculty

Email

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' tax documents.

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

### 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 a tax return was not filed, 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 a tax return was not filed, place a "0" on the line above for taxable income



**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:

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

College degree earned, if any: Associate  Bachelor  Master  Doctorate

2. Please indicate Father’s highest grade level of education completed:

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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 overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Institution	Dates Attended	Credits	GPA	Degree Earned (if applicable)

4. You must submit a copy of your unofficial transcripts with your application of all colleges attended, including a copy of your CSUS transcript.

5. What is your current undergraduate major? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Units Completed \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you taken the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE)? YES  NO  Score \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your projected graduation date (Semester/Year)? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you interested in graduate school? Yes  NO



10. What is your anticipated graduate major? \_\_\_\_\_

11. In what field do you wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Will you pursue an academic career in college/university teaching and/or research? YES  NO

13. Please list any research experience you have:

Research Area	Supervisor/Mentor	Location	Dates

**D. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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. At least two of the letters must be from faculty members. Below, please list the names, departments, email addresses, and telephone numbers of your recommendation providers.

Name	Department	Email Address	Telephone

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please respond to the following questions and submit with your application (3 typed pages maximum).

- a.) Please 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. 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

Please submit to [mcnair@csus.edu](mailto:mcnair@csus.edu) upon completion