

# **Application Form**

## **Murray State University**

### **The McNair Scholars Program**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Before completing the application, you will need to contact the McNair Office at (270) 809-2951 or [mcnair@murraystate.edu](mailto:mcnair@murraystate.edu). The Office can provide information which will save you time in filling out the application.

#### **Please type your application**

#### **APPLICATION**

The Application Form may be saved to your C drive as a Word file, filled out electronically, and then printed.

**Please bring a hard copy of your completed Application Form to the McNair Scholars Program Office. Please include your Income Tax Form, Personal Statement and Research Statement.**

#### **TRANSCRIPT**

You may take a hard copy of the Transcript Request Form to the Registrar's Office to order your transcript or you may come to the McNair Office to print your transcript from MyGate free of cost.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

You should print two hard copies of the Recommendation Form and deliver one to each of your recommendation evaluators. When these materials have been completed, the evaluators should mail or deliver them directly to the McNair Scholars program office.

The McNair Office address is: **McNair Scholars Program Office  
Murray State University  
553 G Business Building  
Murray, KY 42071**

#### **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

The information contained in this application is for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received will be treated confidentially.

**If you have any problems with the files please contact the McNair Office  
(270) 809-2951.**

<b>Applicant's Name:</b>			
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Check each item as completed:**

	<b><u>Application Form</u></b> – Deliver a completed, signed hard copy to the McNair Office.
	<b><u>Transcripts</u></b> – You may come to the McNair office to print a copy of your transcript from MyGate free of cost or obtain a copy of your transcript from MSU Registrar's Office for a fee. If you are a freshman, please submit your high school transcript.
	<b><u>Tax Form</u></b> - Copy of most recent 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ form.
	<b><u>Personal Statement</u></b> (TYPED)
	<b><u>Statement of Research, Scholarly, or Creative Interest</u></b> (TYPED)
	<b><u>Two Recommendation Forms</u></b> -It is most appropriate to obtain letters from MSU faculty. If you are a freshman, you may include letters from former high school teachers who are familiar with your academic abilities. If you are a transfer student, letters from faculty at your former school may be used.

<b>List names and telephone numbers of the two individuals you have asked to complete the Recommendation Form.</b>		
<b>Names of References</b>		<b>Phone Number</b>
<b>1.</b>		
<b>2.</b>		

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This program is open to undergraduate students,

- A) with at least a 3.0 GPA, who intend to pursue a Ph.D.,
- B) are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and
- C) are either:
  - (1) first-generation college **and** low income **or**
  - (2) from an underrepresented ethnic minority (American Indian, Alaska Native, Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, Native Hawaiians, and Native American Pacific Islanders).

<b>To verify your eligibility, please write yes or no in space:</b>	
	1. I am a first generation college student. <i>This means that you are a student / individual:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>neither of whose natural or adoptive parents received a baccalaureate degree</i></li> <li>b) <i>who, prior to the age of 18, regularly resided with and received support form only one parent, and whose supporting parent did not receive a baccalaureate degree, or</i></li> <li>c) <i>who, prior to the age of 18, did not regularly reside with or receive support from a natural or an adoptive parent.</i></li> </ul>
	2. I meet the low-income requirement (see table page 5).
	3. I am a United States citizen.
	4. I am a permanent resident of the United States.
	5. I have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
	6. I will be enrolled at the Murray State University for the remainder of my undergraduate degree.
<b>Check all that apply. I am ...</b>	
	7. American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Native American Pacific Islander (underline one)
	8. Black (non-Hispanic)
	9. Hispanic

## ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

<b>My program eligibility is (check one or both if appropriate):</b>	
	1. First-generation college <b>and</b> low income
	2. Underrepresented minority as defined by the Dept. of Ed. ( 7, 8, or 9 above)

## FAMILY INFORMATION

<b><u>Father</u></b>	
<b>Name:</b>	(Last) (First) (Middle)
<b>Highest Grade Completed (Please Underline)</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 some college
<b>College Degree Earned (Underline all that apply)</b>	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate Other None
	<b>Describe Other:</b>
<b>Check if applicable</b>	<b>Prior to age 18, I did not regularly live with and receive support from this parent. _____</b>

<b><u>Mother</u></b>	
<b>Name:</b>	(Last) (First) (Middle)
<b>Highest Grade Completed (Please Underline)</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 some college
<b>College Degree Earned (Underline all that apply)</b>	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate Other None
	<b>Describe Other:</b>
<b>Check if applicable</b>	<b>Prior to age 18, I did not regularly live with and receive support from this parent. _____</b>

<b>Check if applicable</b>	<b>Prior to age 18, I did not regularly reside with or receive support from a natural or an adopted parent. _____</b>
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## FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

**This information is treated confidentially.**

In order to confirm your low-income status, it will be necessary that we access either a FAFSA or the most recent Federal Income Tax Return

<b>I currently receive financial aid and have submitted a FAFSA to Murray State University.</b>	YES		NO	
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Filing status on most recent Federal Income Tax Form (Check one and fill in the blank):	List Amount of Taxable Income
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dependent</b> (your parent or someone else can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return).	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not a Dependent</b> (no one can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return).	\$
<b>How many people, including yourself, are in your family and are listed as dependants on the Tax Return?</b>	

**Income Verification:** Attach a copy of your parents/guardians' or your most recent income tax statement (first page and page showing taxable income – generally the first two pages of a tax return).

**Taxable Income is on Line 43 (Form 1040), Line 27 (Form1040A) or Line 6 (Form1040EZ).**

Federal Trio Programs 2011 Annual Low-Income Levels:

Size of Family	48 Contiguous States	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$17,235	\$21,525	\$19,845
2	\$23,265	\$29,070	\$26,775
3	\$29,295	\$36,615	\$33,705
4	\$35,325	\$44,160	\$40,635
5	\$41,355	\$51,705	\$47,565
6	\$47,385	\$59,250	\$54,495
7	\$53,415	\$66,795	\$61,425
8	\$59,445	\$66,795	\$61,425
For each additional person, add:	\$6,030	\$7,545	\$6,930

For family units with more than 8 members, please contact the McNair office for guidance in figuring annual low-income levels.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT (Must be TYPED)

Your Personal Statement is an important part of the evaluation process. Please write a statement, up to 500-words (approximately 2.5, typed, double-spaced pages), that describes your ultimate educational and career goals. Explain what you have done to prepare yourself to meet these goals. In what ways do you think the McNair Program can assist you in attaining your goals?

## STATEMENT OF RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, OR CREATIVE INTEREST (Must be TYPED)

McNair students will engage in a serious research, scholarly, or creative experience as part of their McNair Experience. Type on a separate page a statement describing your field of interest in which you would like to engage in a research, scholarly, or creative project. Please describe any prior experience you have had. If possible, provide an example of a specific topic you would like to work on. If you have talked about a project with a faculty member, please include the faculty member's name and department. Please limit this statement to 150 words.

## PARTICIPATION IN A PREVIOUS TRIO PROGRAM

Complete all applicable information below.				
TRIO Program	Institution Name	City	State	Month/Year
Talent Search				
Upward Bound/ Mathematics/ Science				
Upward Bound				
Veterans Upward Bound				
Educational Opportunity Center				
Student Support Services				
McNair Post- Baccalaureate Achievement Program				
Scholastic Enhancement Experience				

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Date of first enrollment in post-secondary education.	
List all post-secondary institutions attended and include an official transcript for each. (Transcripts already provided to the MSU Register do not need to be included with this application.)	
What is your current Major?	
What is your anticipated graduation date?	
	(month / year)
What is:	
(1) Your college grade level? FR. ___ SO. ___ JR. ___ SR. ___	
(2) Total number of credits completed? _____	
(3) Cumulative Grade Point Average at the beginning of the current semester? _____	
(4) If a Freshman, what was your high school Grade Point Average? _____	

## INTEREST/COMMITMENT IN ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL

Which of the following best describes your commitment to attend graduate school? <b>(Check One)</b>	
	I am thinking about going to graduate school and would like to explore options.
	I am going to graduate school after working one or two years.
	I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's degree, but it will dependent on financial assistance.
	I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's degree, with or without financial assistance.
	I have made a firm commitment to get a master's degree, but I am unsure about a Ph.D.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

<b>Name:</b>			
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
<b>Murray State M#</b>			
<b>Social Security NO.</b>			
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Male</b>	
			<b>Female</b>
<b>Sex (check one): Race / Ethnicity (please check any that apply)</b>		<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	<b>Asian</b>
		<b>Black (non-Hispanic)</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
		<b>White</b>	
<b>Local Address:</b>			
<b>Telephone Number:</b>			
<b>E – Mail Address:</b>			
<b>Permanent Address:</b>			
<b>Telephone Number:</b>			

### RELEASE OF INFORMATION / VALIDITY CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission to the MSU McNair Scholars Program to have access to financial aid information as provided by the Murray State University Financial Aid Office. My signature below also indicates that to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_