WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at Winthrop University

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

All Part I and Part II application materials, and two recommendation forms, must be received to ensure consideration. Submit materials to the program office in 104 Dinkins Hall on Winthrop University's campus **or via email to McNair@winthrop.edu**. Please direct questions about the Program or application to Program Staff at 803-323-2125 or mcnair@winthrop.edu.

1. Personal Data & Contact Information

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Name-Last   First   Middle

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University ID (e.g. Winthrop CWID or CU ID)   Birth date

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Cell Phone   Other Phone   University Email Address

2. Relevant Coursework

List any college courses you will have completed before the next summer, courses that will prepare you to conduct research and/or succeed in graduate school. Examples include writing, research methods, and statistics courses. Highlighting the courses on your transcript will help the Advisory Board's consideration. Be sure to discuss how these courses prepare you for the McNair experience in your Personal Statement.

Course Name	Course Designator	Course Number	Credit Hours	Grade	Where taken (e.g., Winthrop)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
8.					
9.					
Examples: Research Methods	PSYC	302	4	B+	Winthrop
Critical Reading, Thinking, and Writing	CRTW	201	3	A-	Winthrop

3. Academic or Professional Honors -List honors you have earned since beginning college (e.g., undergraduate scholarships, academic or professional honors, research awards, and honor societies).

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4. Recommendations

List the names and email addresses of professionals who have agreed to recommend you to the McNair program. To be considered, you MUST have at least two (and no more than three) professional references complete the online recommendation form at https://tinyurl.com/McNairREC on your behalf. Below, and to your references, indicate that you waive/do not waive your right to view the recommendation by checking "Waive" or "Do not waive" for each reference and signing below. Because "Waive" is considered the default option, only references for whom "Do not waive" is indicated will be contacted and offered the opportunity to withdraw their recommendation before it is included with the application.

Name:		Email:		Waive	Do not waive
Name:		Email:		Waive	Do not waive
Name:		Email:		Waive	Do not waive

Applicant's Signature   *Date*

5. Statement of Intent

In essay form, tell the Advisory Board why you believe you are a strong candidate for Winthrop's McNair Program and include your statement with your application. Your response must be thoughtful, thorough, and honest. Be sure to discuss the following points. There is no page minimum or maximum.

a) Why is the McNair program a good fit for your current and future interests and abilities?
b) Do you want to pursue a Ph.D.? Why or why not?
c) In what kind of graduate program(s)/discipline(s) are you interested and why?
d) Why do you want to pursue a post-baccalaureate degree? For example, what role do your family and educational background play in your desire to earn a graduate or professional degree?
e) What do you intend to do with your graduate degree once you have graduated (e.g., become a professor, researcher, practitioner)?
f) Provide a rough, but realistic, timeline of when you expect to complete your graduate degree(s) and describe factors that will play a role in your ability to follow that timeline.
g) What academic, professional, or other experiences have you had that prepare you for the challenges of the Winthrop McNair Scholars Program and graduate study?
h) What personal and/or academic obstacles may make it difficult to complete your goals for graduate study?
i) The Winthrop McNair Program summer research experience is an intense, stimulating, challenging, and rewarding research internship. Participants will learn a lot with special emphasis on completing a research project from start to finish and how to apply to, get funding for, choose, and succeed in graduate programs. What concerns do you have about succeeding in Winthrop's McNair Summer Research Program? What do you hope to gain from the experience?
j) What personal, familial, or financial responsibilities will require your attention during the upcoming summer research internship? Do you expect to take classes during the summer? Do you intend to work during the summer research experience? If so, how much? How will you balance your other responsibilities with those of the McNair Program?

6. Plan for Summer Research Project

This will help McNair staff plan programming to prepare successful applicants for the Summer Research Experience (SRE). Using 300 words or less, describe what you would like to do for your McNair summer research or scholarly activity. Possible discussion points include

(1) The research questions or scholarly activity you would like to pursue during the McNair SRE;

(2) Any literature review or other work you have done that prepare for your summer project (cite key references if appropriate);
(3) Reflection on how your summer research topic contributes to your field;
(4) IRB (protection of human subjects) or IACUC (animal care and use) review considerations;
(5) Names of possible Winthrop mentors; resources you anticipate needing to collect or analyze data (e.g., specialized equipment, recording devices, literary sources, laptop with webcam, GIS software)

Agreements

You must indicate your agreement with each of the following statements by initialing to the right and signing below.	Initials
I understand that Winthrop McNair Program Staff may access and use University Records and/or contact staff at universities I have attended to verify my eligibility and other information.	
I understand Winthrop McNair Staff and Advisory Board Members will have access to and will protect the confidentiality of materials related to this application and my participation in the program.	
I understand that if I accept the invitation to become a Winthrop McNair participant, I am required to fully participate in the next McNair summer research internship (SRE) and present a completed research project before August 1.	
I understand that, if I am accepted into the Winthrop McNair Scholars Program, my name and image will be shared publicly in materials campus audiences regarding program activities.	
I understand that, if I am selected by the McNair Advisory Board and agree to participate in the program, I must ask for and take full advantage of all Winthrop McNair program support available to me as a Scholar until I graduate, including completing the requirements of MCNR courses.	
I understand federal regulations require Winthrop McNair Program Staff to track the educational progress and post-baccalaureate achievement of all eligible applicants regardless of whether those applicants were invited to participate in the program.	

My signature below certifies that, to the best of my knowledge, all information I have submitted in Part I (online survey) and Part II of my application is accurate.

Applicant's Signature   *Date*

Application Checklist

You can use the right column of the checklist below to attach required documents (as .pdf files), then click "submit" to send the completed form through your default email program. You can also save the application package and email it, as an attachment, to mcnair@winthrop.edu. If you prefer, you can print the documents and mail or deliver the hard copies in a sealed envelope to *McNair Scholars Program, Winthrop University, 104 Dinkins Hall, Rock Hill, SC, 29733.*

To ensure consideration, all applicant materials must be received in 104 Dinkins Hall or via email by the priority deadline.

☐ Documentation not specified below that you want to add to your application (optional)	
☐ **Application Part – I** submitted online	Submit online
☐ **Statement of Intent** (described on page 2 of this document)	
☐ Current copy of your official or unofficial **college transcript**	
☐ Copy of your current **FAFSA record, signed and dated**	
☐ One complete, typed **writing sample/paper** (minimum two pages) **the applicant wrote** within the last 12 months for a college course or research publication.	
☐ **Summer research project plan** (described on pages 2-3)	
☐ **Application – Part II** (all pages of this document, including names of references on page 2)	

Request two recommendations to be submitted by the reference deadline or ASAP.