



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



## Part II of the 2018-19 Application

Parts I and II of the application must be received by 5 pm October 12, 2018 in 104 Dinkins Hall or at [McNair@winthrop.edu](mailto:McNair@winthrop.edu). If you have any questions about completing the application or about The Winthrop McNair Scholars Program, please contact program staff at (803) 323-2125 or in Dinkins.

### 1. Personal Data & Contact Information

<i>Name-Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>
<i>University ID (e.g. Winthrop CWID)</i>	<i>Birth date</i>	
<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Other Phone</i>	<i>University Email Address</i>

### 2. Relevant Coursework

List any college courses you will have completed before 05/06/2019 that will prepare you to conduct research and/or succeed in graduate school. Examples include undergraduate writing, research methods, and statistics courses. Highlighting the courses on your transcript will help the Advisory Board. Be sure to discuss how these courses prepare you for the McNair experience in your Personal Statement.

<i>Course Name</i>	<i>Course Designator</i>	<i>Course Number</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Where taken (e.g., Winthrop)</i>
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<i>Examples: Research Methods</i>	<i>PSYC</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>B+</i>	<i>Winthrop</i>
<i>Critical Reading, Thinking, and Writing</i>	<i>CRTW</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>A-</i>	<i>Winthrop</i>

### 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. References**

Two references are required and must be received by 5 pm 10/19/2018. The reference deadline is one week after the deadline for all the other parts of the application. **REQUIRED: At least one of the two references must be a faculty member who has evaluated your academic work;** Preferred: both references are faculty members who have evaluated your work and are faculty from your major department. Your references may choose one of the following options to submit their forms: email (McNair@Winthrop.edu), mail (Winthrop McNair Scholars Program, 104 Dinkins Hall, Rock Hill, SC 29733), or hand-delivery. **We recommend email or hand-delivery because some mailed references never arrived.** Mailed and hand-delivered forms must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the signature of the reference written over the seal. List the names and email addresses of at least two individuals **who have agreed** to recommend you to the McNair program. To be considered complete, your application **MUST** have two references, but no more than three references.

Name:		Email:	
Name:		Email:	
Name:		Email:	

**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 do you want to pursue graduate study?
- b) How does your family and educational background play a role in your desire for a post-baccalaureate degree?
- c) In what kind of graduate program(s)/discipline(s) are you interested and why?
- d) Do you want to pursue a Ph.D.? Why or why not?
- 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 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 intense, stimulating, and challenging. Participants will learn a lot with special emphasis on completing a research project from start to finish and how to apply to, get accepted to, and succeed in graduate school. 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 summer of 2018? 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 spring 2018 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 to the following by initialing each statement.	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 information.	
I understand Winthrop McNair Staff and Advisory Board Members will have access to and will protect the confidentiality of my materials related to this application and my participation in the program.	
I understand that, if I am accepted into the Winthrop McNair Scholars Program, I will be expected to fully participate in the McNair summer research internship and present a completed research project before August 1, 2019.	
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 accepted into the Winthrop McNair Scholars Program, it is my responsibility to ask for and take full advantage of all support available to me as a Winthrop McNair Scholar until I graduate.	
I understand federal regulations require Winthrop McNair Program Staff to track the educational success 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 provided Part 1 and Part II of my application is accurate.

*Applicant's Signature*

*Date*

**Application Checklist**

Submit the following items to 104 Dinkins Hall by 10/12/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> A signed copy of the last page of <b>Application – Part I</b> you submitted online
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Application Part – I</b> submit online
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Application – Part II</b> (all pages of this document with my name on every page)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statement of Intent</b> (described on page 4 of this document)
<input type="checkbox"/> Current copy of your official or unofficial <b>college transcript</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> One complete, typed <b>writing sample/paper</b> (minimum two pages) <b>the applicant wrote</b> within the last 12 months for a course or research publication.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Summer research project plan</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Names of two references that have agreed to submit recommendations by 10/19</b>