

# Winthrop McNair Scholars Program

## Recommendation Form

Please save a copy of your completed form before submitting.

Complete this form if a student asked you to support his/her/their application for the Winthrop McNair Scholars Program. No reference letter is needed, just this form. Your insights will help the Advisory Board determine if McNair services are a good fit for this student. The student you name below must list you as a reference in their application and indicate whether they waive or do not waive their right to view your recommendation. In cases where the applicant has indicated they do not waive their right to view a recommendation, program staff will notify the reference before the completed form is included with the rest of the student's application.

After answering all questions to the best of your knowledge, save a copy of the form, then email it as an attachment to [mcnair@winthrop.edu](mailto:mcnair@winthrop.edu). If you prefer, you can print the document and mail or deliver the hard copy to *McNair Scholars Program, Winthrop University, 104 Dinkins Hall, Rock Hill, SC, 29733*.

About the program: Winthrop's Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement program is funded by a U.S. Department of Education TRiO grant, Winthrop University, and the Winthrop Foundation. The program helps 30 first-generation and low-income and/or under-represented undergraduates conduct research and prepare for doctoral studies. Successful applicants complete a paid, mentored summer research internship and receive significant educational, travel, and graduate admissions support. Being a McNair Scholar is a nationally recognized preparation that yields financial benefits as well as prestigious opportunities. For more information, visit [www.Winthrop.edu/McNair](http://www.Winthrop.edu/McNair).

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*Student Applicant's Name*

*Reference's Name*

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*Reference's Position/Title/Role*

*Reference's Employer*

*Reference's Highest Degree*

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*Reference's Contact Phone #*

*Reference's Email Address*

*Reference's Signature & Date*

**How do you know this applicant (e.g., advisee, student in one or more classes, employee, intern)?**

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**Please rate your knowledge of the applicant's current abilities. I know this student (choose one)**

<i>Very Well</i>	<i>Well</i>	<i>Somewhat well</i>	<i>Not well</i>
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**Based on my understanding of this student's potential to succeed in the McNair program and graduate school, I recommend this student (choose one)**

<i>Without hesitation</i>	<i>With some hesitation</i>	<i>I do not recommend this student</i>
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Please  the cells indicating your evaluation of this applicant's abilities and potential.

<i>In terms of the criterion below, the applicant is:</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	<i>Strong</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Not strong, but has potential</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>I don't know</i>
<b>Analytical Ability</b>							
<b>Quantitative Skills</b>							
<b>Aptitude for Research</b>							
<b>Use of Technology</b>							
<b>Written Communication</b>							
<b>Oral Communication</b>							
<b>Interpersonal Skills</b>							
<b>Maturity</b>							
<b>Persistence</b>							
<b>Balances multiple responsibilities well</b>							
<b>Uses Constructive Criticism</b>							
<b>Potential for graduate study</b>							
<b>Potential for success in the student's field of interest</b>							
<b>Potential for becoming a professor</b>							
<b>Likelihood of enrolling in a graduate program immediately after earning a Bachelor's</b>							
<b>Likelihood of completing a master's or professional degree (J.D., M.D.)</b>							
<b>Likelihood of completing a Ph.D.</b>							
<b>Commitment to graduate study</b>							

1. If you have any reflections on the items above, please share them here.

- 2. Does this student genuinely want to conduct research and complete a graduate degree? If so, what are their scholarly interests and what kind of graduate degree do they want to pursue?**
  
- 3. What characteristics does this student possess that will help her/him/them successfully complete a summer research project on a tight timeline?**
  
- 4. In what areas does the student need to improve before enrolling in a graduate program? Is the student aware of her/his need to improve in these areas (if so, what is he/she doing to address this need)?**
  
- 5. How motivated do you think this student is to take advantage of the many program resources available to McNair Scholars (e.g. travel to present research and interview at graduate programs, graduate admissions advising, program workshops, test prep, invitations for national opportunities)?**
  
- 6. If you have recommendations for questions we should ask this applicant during the McNair interview process, please include them here.**

*Thank you for taking the time to tell us about this student. The McNair Advisory Board could not make effective selections without input from faculty and professionals who know the applicants.*