

Winthrop McNair Graduate Scholarship

The Winthrop McNair Graduate Scholarship fund provides up to \$1,000 annually to one or more McNair alumni who will be enrolled full-time in graduate programs at Winthrop. Former participants of federally-funded Ronald E. McNair PostBaccalaureate Achievement (TRiO) Programs enrolling at Winthrop are encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact the Director of the Winthrop McNair Scholars Program.

To be eligible to apply for this Scholarship, applicants must seek graduate admission to Winthrop for the next fall term or be enrolled in a Winthrop graduate program for their second consecutive year. Eligible applicants must have been in good standing with their McNair program at the time of their graduation. Preference will be given to applicants who enroll in graduate programs immediately after earning their bachelor's degree.

To apply for this scholarship, submit the following materials by 5 pm July 15: a cover letter, a transcript, a letter of support, and a FAFSA. Follow the directions regarding each item below. Only complete scholarship application packages will be considered.

- In the cover letter, describe what makes the applicant a strong candidate based on each item below (discuss a, b, c, d, and e).
 - a) academic record
 - b) research record
 - c) performance as a McNair scholar
 - d) any other leadership or service experience you would like to share
 - e) financial need for the scholarship

- Include a recent official transcript that documents the completion of the bachelor's degree.

- The letter of support should be written by the applicant's McNair Director, faculty mentor, or other faculty member who supervised the work of the applicant at the institution indicated on the transcript. Students who have completed at least one semester of graduate study in the program they are currently enrolled may include a letter of support from a faculty member who has evaluated their graduate work. Support letters should be printed on letterhead and emailed, faxed, or mailed directly from the reference to Winthrop's McNair Director. If you are a Winthrop McNair Scholar, your letter of support should be written by your mentor or another faculty member in your major or field of interest.

- Submit a current year *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at <https://fafsa.gov/> listing Winthrop's school code (003456) on the FAFSA. FAFSA information will be used to document the applicant's need for the scholarship.

Submit the application materials to: Dr. Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Director
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