



Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

APPLICATION 2009-2010

Return completed application to:

Portland State University
McNair Scholars Program
Post Office Box 751-OAA
Portland, OR 97207-0751
Phone (503) 725-9740

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is funded by a four-year \$924,000 grant from the US Department of Education. Portland State University provides \$528,968 in cost-share funds over the same four-year period.



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APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name: Last First Middle

Local Address: Street City State Zip Code

Permanent Address: Street City State Zip Code

Phone: () Cell Phone: ()

E-mail Address: Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: / / PSU ID Number: / /

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen: Yes No Permanent Resident: Yes No Other
If you are a permanent resident or citizen born outside the United States, please provide copy of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documentation.

Ethnic Heritage (Please check all that apply)

- Latino or Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
African-American Caucasian
Native American/Alaskan Native Other (specify)

How did you learn about the PSU McNair Scholars Program?

Academic Information

High School: Dates: / / to / / GPA:

College/University: Dates: / / / to / / / GPA:
Please list the month, day and year you first enrolled in a college or a university

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Mother's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Did your mother **graduate** from a four-year college or university? Yes No
Level of education: _____ Degree earned: _____

Father's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Did your father **graduate** from a four-year college or university? Yes No
Level of education: _____ Degree earned: _____

Guardian's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Eligibility as a First-Generation Student

If applicable, sign the following statement:

The definition of a "first-generation college student" reflects my background accurately: the natural or adoptive parents with whom I resided before my 18th birthday did not receive a Bachelor's degree from college. (Or, if my parents attended college outside of the United States and graduated, the degree earned is not considered by PSU degree evaluators to be equivalent to a baccalaureate). If I regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, that parent did not complete a baccalaureate. By Trio and McNair definitions, I am a first-generation college student.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Dependent students only

Did your parent(s) file a 2008 federal income tax form? Yes No
Were you claimed on your parent(s)' tax return as a dependent? Yes No
If yes, what was **their taxable income for 2008**? \$ _____
(IRS Form 1040, IRS Form 1040A, or IRS Form 1040EZ)
Number of members in your immediate household (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9+
Number of members claimed on your parent(s)' tax form? _____

Self-supporting students only

Did you file a 2008 federal income tax form? Yes No
What was **your taxable income for 2008**? \$ _____
(IRS Form 1040, IRS Form 1040A, or IRS Form 1040EZ)
Number of members in your immediate household (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9+
Number of members claimed on your tax form? _____

Are you receiving need-based financial aid (Pell, SEOG, Perkins, Stafford, or Federal Work Study)? Yes No

Please list: _____

You must submit all of the following as proof of income and dependent status:

1. one copy of your most recent tax forms
2. one copy of your parent(s)' most recent tax forms (if dependent)
3. one copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)

I certify that the information I have supplied is accurate to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected for the program, I agree to participate in follow-up activities, testing, evaluation, and to release my transcripts to the McNair Scholars Program each quarter.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER ESSAY

Please answer the following questions. Respond to each question in a separate paragraph numbered to correspond with the question number. Limit your essay to a maximum of two typed, double-spaced pages.

1. What colleges have you attended?
 2. What major(s) have you studied?
 3. Why do you want to complete a PhD?
 4. How does a PhD help you with your career goals?
 5. What do you consider as your strengths and weaknesses?
 6. Why do you want to be a McNair scholar?
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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (Continued)

In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper, please write a statement about the applicant. Please assess the student's qualifications and potential for academic success in doctoral studies, and discuss such attributes as motivation, intellect, and maturity. Your frank assessment of the student's strengths and weaknesses will be helpful to the selection committee.

Recommender's Name (please print clearly) _____

Position _____ Employer _____

Work Address _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail Address _____

Signature of Recommender _____ Date _____

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**Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
VERIFICATION OF FAMILY INCOME**

I authorize the Office of Financial Aid at Portland State University to release my tax information, needs analysis, and other financial aid information to the PSU Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program in order to determine my eligibility for the said program.

Student's Name (Print)

Current Academic Year/Term

Student's Signature

Student ID Number

The information below must be provided by the Office of Financial Aid at Portland State University.

<u>Award Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term/Year</u>
Pell Grant	\$ _____	_____
OR Opportunity Grant	\$ _____	_____
SEOG	\$ _____	_____
OUS Supp'l Tuition Grant	\$ _____	_____
Work-Study	\$ _____	_____
Perkins Loan	\$ _____	_____
Stafford Loan	\$ _____	_____
Scholarships/Tuition Remissions	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
	Total Award \$ _____	
	Total Established Student Need \$ _____	
	Student EFC \$ _____	

Important: Official Financial Aid Office information shows the following for the above named student for the previous tax year _____.

\$ _____, \$ _____, _____
Taxable Income Adjusted Gross Income Family Size

This student is considered independent or dependent

Name of Financial Aid Official

Office Phone Number

Signature of Financial Aid Official

Date

**Return to: PSU Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, SMU room M302,
Campus mail code: McNair-OAA, Phone: 503-725-9740, fax: 503-725-5262**

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Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- Completed the Portland State University Ronald E. McNair Scholars Application Form
- Educational/Career Essay
- List of Extracurricular Activities
- Copy of your 2008 tax forms (if self-supporting) or parent(s)' 2008 tax forms (if dependent)
- Copy of current Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Verification of Family Income Form (to be completed by the PSU Financial Aid Office)
- Current Official PSU Transcript
- Three letters of reference pertaining to your academic and extracurricular activities
Two must be from professors. A letter from a professor in your major is ideal. One from someone familiar with your extracurricular activities is helpful. Letters from immediate family members are not acceptable.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Full-time undergraduate student status at Portland State University
- First-generation college student (see Eligibility Requirement Section of Application)
AND
Low-income (family income does not exceed 150% of poverty level established by U.S. Census Bureau)--see U.S. Department of Education chart.

OR, if you are not a first-generation and low-income college student,

Member of group traditionally underrepresented in Higher Education (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Junior or Senior undergraduate status, based on the total credit hours at the start of the program
- U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident
- Intention to graduate from Portland State University and immediately enter an academic graduate program with the goal of attaining a PhD