McNair Scholars
APPLICATION FORM 2025

Participation is contingent upon continued funding of the McNair Scholars Research Program at UNC. Due to regulations governing federal money this program receives, this form includes questions that are personal but must be answered to determine program eligibility and services. All information will be held in strict confidence.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

	Last	First	Middle

Bear ID

BearMail Address

Other Email Address

Local/Campus Address	Permanent Address
Street	Street
City	City
State　　　　　　ZIP	State　　　　　　ZIP
Cell Phone	Home Phone

Date of Birth　　　　　　　　　　　　Gender:　　Female　　Male　　Other: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Place of Birth　　　　　　　　　　　Pronouns: _____
City　　　　State　　　Country

Race (Mark as many as apply):　　　　　Ethnicity (Mark one):
　　Black or African American　　　　　　Hispanic or Latine
　　Asian　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Not Hispanic or Latine
　　Caucasian/White
　　American Indian/Alaskan Native (Tribal affiliation)
　　Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
　　Other *(please specify)*

Are you currently employed?　　Yes　　No　　How many hours per week do you work?

Are you currently receiving financial aid?　　Yes　　No

Are you a former TRIO participant? (Mark as many as apply)

　　Talent Search　　　　　Educational Opportunity Center　　Student Support Services (CHE or other)
　　Upward Bound　　　　　Upward Bound Math/Science　　　Veterans Upward Bound

Are you in any of the following programs?
(Mark as many as apply)　　　　　Honors　　Stryker　　Reisher　　Daniels　　DSF

How did you find out about the McNair Program? (Mark as many as apply)

　　Advisor　　　　　Email from McNair　　　　Current McNair Scholar　　McNair website
　　Faculty　　　　　Information Session　　　　McNair Bulletin Board　　Other *(please specify):*

Which eligibility criteria do you meet? (Mark as many as apply)

　　Income Eligible　　　　First Generation College　　Underrepresented Group

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION INFORMATION

The McNair Scholars Research Program at UNC is a TRiO Program funded by the US Department of Education. To participate, students must meet US residency requirements and be first-generation college students who meet income eligibility requirements and/or be members of racial/ethnic groups that are underrepresented in graduate education.

Citizenship (mark appropriate box)

US Citizen   Permanent Resident   Country of citizenship (if other than US)

Alien Registration #   Date of Issue   Expiration Date
(If selected for an interview, you will need to provide a copy of your alien registration card)

Parental Information (Natural or Adoptive Parent(s) with whom you resided until age 18)

Parent/Guardian 1   Name   Currently lives with the family?   Yes   No

Parent/Guardian 2   Name   Currently lives with the family?   Yes   No

Parent's highest level of education (mark appropriate box)

	High School or less	Associate's Degree (AA/AS)	Some College	Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS)	Master's Degree (MA/MS)	Doctoral Degree (Ph.D./Ed.D.)	Professional Degree (MD/JD/etc.)	Other (please explain)
Parent/Guardian 1								
Parent/Guardian 2								

Financial Information

Eligibility for participation in the UNC McNair Scholars Research Program is based in part on household income. For purposes of income verification, the federal government classifies students as independent or dependent. To determine your classification, complete the checklist below.

1. I am at least 24 years old.   Yes   No
2. I am married.   Yes   No
3. I have children or dependents who receive more than 50% of their support from me.   Yes   No
4. I was an orphan or ward of the court or in foster care after age 13.   Yes   No
5. I am an emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship.   Yes   No
6. I am an unaccompanied minor who was homeless or self-supporting.   Yes   No
7. I am a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.   Yes   No

DEPENDENT

If you answered no to **all** of these questions, you are classified as dependent. Please answer the following questions.

1. How many people are in your parents' household, including yourself?

2. What was your parents' **2023 or 2024 Taxable Income*** (not Adjusted Gross Income)?

3. What was your **2023 or 2024 Taxable Income*** (not Adjusted Gross Income)?

INDEPENDENT

If you answered yes to **any** of these questions, you can claim independent status. Please answer the following questions.

How many people are in your household, including yourself?

What was your **2023 or 2024 Taxable Income*** (not Adjusted Gross Income)?

*Note: Taxable income information is available on line 15 for IRS Form 1040 or 1040-SR.

If you are selected for an interview, you will need to provide a copy of your and/or your parents' tax return or tax transcript from **2023 or 2024**. (https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript) This information will be treated confidentially.

Current class standing: Sophomore   Junior   Senior   Anticipated graduation date (*mm/yyyy*)

Total credit hours earned to date   Current cumulative grade point average

Current major(s)

Minor(s)/emphasis

Highest degree objective (mark only one):   Uncertain   Masters   Doctorate   Other:

Area of interest (*if known*):

List the names of ALL colleges and universities you have attended starting with the most recent

Institution	GPA	From (Semester/Year)	To (Semester/Year)

What year did you graduate from high school? _____

Have you ever been dismissed from or subject to academic probation at college/university or other academic program?

     No   Yes - please describe

Academic and extracurricular awards, honors, and scholarships (*optional - not part of selection criteria*)

Membership or participation in academic/campus organizations and activities (*optional - not part of selection criteria*)

Previous research experience (*if applicable - not part of the selection criteria*)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer these questions *without using AI software.* We are not looking for a specific answer or "perfection"; we are looking for authenticity. As a program, we emphasize a growth mindset. We want to learn about you and your goals and determine how they fit with our programming. Your statements should be clear, specific, and **typed** (single spaced), and the document should not exceed two pages total.

1) Discuss your long-trem career aspirations and explain why these goals are meaningful to you beyond financial or career success. What personal values, past experiences, and/or community needs drive your vision of the future and help you persist through challenges?

2) McNair requires a major commitment of time and effort. The program is designed to challenge you, and we offer many resources and guidance to help you. After reading our website (https://www.unco.edu/mcnair/become-a-mcnair-scholar/) and learning about our program, what specific challenges or growth areas do you anticipate as part of your journey? What specific aspects of the McNair research and graduate school preparation experience are you most excited about?

3) If given the opportunity to create a project or design a research study with unlimited resources, describe what it would be, who it would impact, and what meaningful change you hope it would bring. What kinds of research questions intrigue you?

4) **[OPTIONAL]** What else would you like us to know about you?

RECOMMENDATION or ENDORSEMENT (Optional)

You can provide the name of a person who is willing to endorse your application. This individual should be someone who knows you well in an academic, professional, or mentoring capacity and can speak to your qualifications, character, and potential for success in the McNair Scholars Research Program. If they choose, they can complete the form available on the website and submit it directly to mcnair.scholars@unco.edu.

Name

Title/Department

Email

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I certify that the information submitted on this form is complete and correct:

Student Signature   Date

PRIORITY DEADLINE: 5 pm February 17, 2025
Later applications reviewed on a space available basis

Please submit your application through the online submission portal or in person. You can access the portal on the McNair website or through this QR code.

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