



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY

McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The McNair Scholars Program at Our Lady of the Lake University

411 S.W. 24th Street San Antonio, Texas 78207

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McNair Scholars Program 2014-015 Application Form

Applicant Information

Please type or print clearly

Form with fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, OLLU ID #, Social Security #, Date of Birth, Gender, and Citizenship options.

Current Contact Information

Form with fields for Current Address, City, State, Zip Code, Home Phone, Other Phone, and Email Address.

Permanent Contact Information

Form with fields for Permanent Address, City, State, and Zip Code.

Academic History

Form with fields for Total Number of College Credit Hours, Academic Major, Academic Minor, Expected Date of Graduation, and Cumulative GPA.

Groups Underrepresented in Graduate Education

Form with checkboxes for Ethnic Classification: Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native, Native American Pacific, and Islander Other.

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**First Generation College Student**

The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) defines a first-generation college student as an individual who grew up in a household where neither parent had completed a four-year degree before the individual turned 18. Individuals who grew up in foster care are automatically considered first-generation.

According to this definition, are you a first-generation college student?  Yes  No

**Needs Assessment**

Please check below those services provided by the McNair Scholars Program which you feel you need the most in your pursuit of a Graduate Degree. Check as many boxes as needed.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring (Please specify which courses)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquiring time-management and study skills                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for the GRE                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the Graduate School Application Process |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with writing a successful personal statement          | <input type="checkbox"/> Information about financial aid in Graduate School        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help finding financial aid for Graduate School             | <input type="checkbox"/> Choosing a Graduate School Program                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visits to Graduate Schools                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Research Experience                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategies for survival at Our Lady of the Lake University | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategies for success in Graduate School                  |  |

**Graduate Education Interests**

Please mark all statements below that best describe your interest in graduate education.

- I am thinking about graduate school and would like to explore options
- I am going to graduate school after working one or two years
- I plan to attend graduate school immediately after receiving my Bachelors degree, but I will be dependent on financial assistance
- I plan to attend graduate school immediately after receiving my Bachelors degree, with or without financial assistance
- I am determined to get a Master's degree, but I am not certain about a PhD
- I am determined to get a PhD
- Other:

\*Approved doctorates from the department of education

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**Parents' Information**

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Indicate the highest grade level completed:  
 Indicate college degree earned, if any:  \_\_\_\_\_  High School Diploma  Associate's  
 Bachelor's  Master's  Doctorate

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Indicate the highest grade level completed:  
 Indicate college degree earned, if any:  \_\_\_\_\_  High School Diploma  Associate's  
 Bachelor's  Master's  Doctorate

**Eligibility Information**

**Statement of Confidentiality:** The information requested on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received is confidential.

In order to confirm your family income is not over the guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Education, it will be necessary that we access a **2013 Federal Income Tax Return** (FAFSA Report is not sufficient).

- I currently receive financial aid and have submitted a FAFSA to Our Lady of the Lake University.  Yes  No
- Filing status on 2013 Federal Income Tax Form.

**Check one and fill in the blank:**

**Dependent.** Your parent or someone else can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return.  
 Amount of your parent or guardian's taxable income.  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Not a dependent.** No one can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return.  
 Amount of your taxable income.  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many people, including yourself, are in your family?

**Additional Information**

1. If selected, and in order to receive **up to \$2,800** in stipends, can you commit to 40 hours per week to research and scholarly activities during the summer research internship?  Yes  No

Will you be employed between May 20 and August 7, 2015/2016?  Yes  No  
 If yes, indicate the number of hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please note: Students participating in the summer internship are not to enroll in summer classes. \*\***



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Additional Information continued

2. One of the statements below regarding income applies to you. Students will be REQUIRED to furnish documentation of income, i.e. tax return or tax transcript. (to order a tax transcript off the web, visit : http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Order-a-Transcript and choose the option to order a tax return)

\*Federal TRIO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels

Table with 2 columns: Number of people in your immediate household, including yourself; Total family taxable income. Rows range from 1 person to 8 people with corresponding income levels.

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,090 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$7,620 for Alaska; and \$7,005 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register on January 22, 2014.

**Letter of Recommendation**

1. List the name, title, address, and phone number of the faculty member you have asked to provide a letter of recommendation. This person should be the instructor of a course that you completed in your major.

Name	Title	Phone Number
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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**Personal Statement**

On another sheet of paper, incorporate your honest response to the following questions in an essay of no more than two pages, typed and double-spaced.

- ▶ Give a brief intellectual autobiography describing the formation of your academic interests
- ▶ Why would you like to become a participant in the McNair Scholars Program?
- ▶ What are your current and long-term goals, and how do you see the McNair Scholars Program assisting you to reach your goals?
- ▶ Describe your tentative plans for research, either specific research topics, or general areas in which you would hope to work.
- ▶ Describe your career and/or professional goals.
- ▶ Describe your family's educational attainment (high school, college, country/state in which parental education was received, etc.)
- ▶ What do you currently perceive to be the greatest obstacle in your entrance into a graduate program? To your completion of a doctoral degree?

**Signature**

In compliance with the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C.A. sec. 1232G),

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission to the officials of the Our Lady of the Lake University McNair Scholars Program to obtain any and all academic records including college transcripts, college acceptance letters, college financial aid/scholarship records, current grades and/or academic progress reports. I also give permission for the program staff members to request similar information from this and future institutions for follow-up purposes, as required by the United States Department of Education, after my enrollment in the program has ended.

Additionally, by signing this form, I certify that all of the information in this application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's OLLUSA ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the application and required documents to the Our Lady of the Lake University McNair Scholars Program, Moye Lower Level Room 022F.**

If you have questions, please contact the McNair Scholars Program at (210) 431-5546.



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Dear Faculty Member,

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The McNair Scholars Program is a highly interactive program. The ideal candidate for this program is an academically successful student with a high level of dedication, commitment, and maturity. We greatly appreciate your honest assessment of this student's potential as a future McNair Scholar.

Sincerely,

Larry Ynman  
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## Faculty Recommendation

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Applicant's Social Security Number	OLLU ID #

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 waive     do not waive    the right to examine this evaluation.

**APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE ABOVE SECTION IN ORDER FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE REVIEWED.**

TO THE EVALUATOR: The person named above has applied to become a participant in the McNair Scholars Program. They have requested you evaluate their potential as a future McNair Scholar. If the applicant has not waived the right to review this evaluation, you should consider it non-confidential, and you may return the recommendation incomplete. Please attach your recommendation to this sheet and send it to Our Lady of the Lake University, Moye Lower Level Room 022F.

Please address the following:

- In what capacity have you known the applicant and how long?
- Please comment on the applicant's academic strengths and weaknesses.
- Does the applicant possess the drive and commitment to pursue graduate study and succeed in a doctoral education? Please explain.
- If given the opportunity and proper preparation, do you feel the applicant has the potential to do major research in his/her field of study?

Thank You.

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Print Faculty Name

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Print Faculty Name

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Faculty Signature

# Student Self-Checklist for McNair Application

	Completed Application Form
	Citizenship or permanent resident documentation
	2013 Income Tax Return
	Current Transcripts
	Personal Statement
	Letters of Recommendation (The faculty member may return the letter of recommendation directly to our office).
	Native Americans only: documentation of tribal membership