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Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar Application

2009 – 10 Deadline: Must be **postmarked** by March 31, 2009

Please read application thoroughly and answer all questions fully. **Incomplete applications cannot be processed.** Application should be typed or neatly printed. Include a current official college transcript. Students accepted into the program will be required to furnish official transcripts for all colleges attended except Westminster College. Submit completed application to the McNair Scholars Program at Westminster College, B 13 Converse, 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84105. 801-832-3250.

Statement of Confidentiality: The information contained in this application is for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the McNair Program. All information received is confidential.

Part I: Applicant Information

Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Local Address: _____
Street/ P.O. Box *City, ST, Zip*

Permanent Address: _____
Street/ P.O. Box *City, ST, Zip*

Telephone #: _____
Local *Emergency (with area code)*

Email Address: _____
School *Other*

Gender: Female Male

Ethnic Heritage: African American/ Black Alaskan Native Asian American
 Hispanic/ Latino Native American/ American Indian
 Pacific Islander White Non-Hispanic/ Caucasian Other (Please identify) _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident #: _____
Please provide a copy of your green card.

Part II: Academic Information

School: _____ Academic Advisor: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Year in School: Sophomore Junior Senior _____
Sem/ Year you plan to graduate

Total credits at time of application, *excluding* college prep level classes that do not count toward degree: _____

Do you intend to pursue a graduate degree? Yes No Maybe
In what field? _____

Do you intend to pursue an MD, JD or MBA? Yes No Maybe

Prior TRIO program experience: Upward Bound CAMP Gear Up
 Talent Search/ EOC SSS Other (specify): _____

Prior research experience: Yes No

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Part III: Family Information

To determine eligibility for this program, we require signed photocopies of tax documentation for the person who claims you as a dependent **OR** your most recent federal income tax return if you are an independent student according the FAFSA. Your FAFSA status is used to determine if you are a dependent or independent student. (Typically FAFSA does not recognize students as independent until they reach the age of 24.)

Does someone claim you as a dependent for tax purposes? Yes No

Name of that person and relationship to you: _____

Name of Mother/ Guardian: _____

Highest Level of Schooling Completed:

- | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Level (<i>grade 1 -6</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary level (<i>grade 7 – 12</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> MD, JD, MBA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College, No Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Name of Father/ Guardian: _____

Highest Level of Schooling Completed:

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Level (<i>grade 1 -6</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary level (<i>grade 7 – 12</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> MD, JD, MBA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College, No Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Languages spoken by applicant: _____ Language spoken at home: _____

Part IV: Self-Portrait Essay

Please address the following items as frankly as you can. Limit your essay to a maximum of three typed, double-spaced pages with 1-inch margins and 12 point font.

1. What are your long range career goals?
2. Graduate school is a major commitment as well as an exciting opportunity. Why are you interested in graduate school?
3. Why would you consider a doctoral program? Why would you consider becoming a professor?
4. What do you consider as your strengths and weaknesses?
5. The McNair Scholars Program is a diverse group. Please describe your participation in and understanding of culturally diverse situations or groups.

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Part V: A Writing Sample

Attach a writing sample of at least 2 pages that was completed in the last year, such as a paper from a course.

Part VI: Documentation of Extracurricular Activities (Simple Resume)

Activities outside of formal education are very important. Please summarize your work history and additional activities including: dates, name of the activity, brief description of the activity, (e.g. summer school program in science, part-time job, soccer league, church program), responsibilities, and any accomplishments. Please group your activities into categories (e.g. school organizations, educational enrichment, job history, and community service). Please indicate the approximate time commitment associated with each activity.

Part VII: Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation need to be completed and attached to your final application in sealed, signed envelopes. Two letters should pertain to your academic or research skills, and should be from professors familiar with your classroom performance. One letter should pertain to your work history or extracurricular activities. Current or former teachers, counselors, supervisors, and coaches would be suitable references; family members or personal friends would not be suitable references. **Be sure to provide each reference with a self-addressed stamped envelope to return their letter to you.**

Part VIII: Colleges Attended

Please list all colleges and universities attended.

<i>Name of Institution</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Dates Attended:</i>		<i>Degree Earned & Date</i>
		From:	To:	
		From:	To:	
		From:	To:	
		From:	To:	
		From:	To:	

~Please refer to the application checklist to ensure your application is complete.~

I certify that the information given on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not attended institutions other than those listed. I understand that I am responsible for arranging for the forwarding of official transcripts from schools I have attended, and that such transcripts become the property of Westminster College and will not be returned. I give Westminster College permission to request transcripts and test scores from other institutions, if necessary.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Right-to-Know Graduate Rate Disclosure and Campus Crime Information

Statistical information concerning the graduation rate and information on campus crime for Westminster College, as required by the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, is available online at http://www.westminstercollege.edu/safety_stats/ or from the Office of Admissions, 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT, 84105.

Westminster College, as an educational institution and as an employer, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, or status as a veteran of the Vietnam era. This is a commitment made by the college and is in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.

Westminster College seeks to provide equal access for people with disabilities to its programs, services, and activities. Please contact the START Center at 801-832-2280 (TTY 832-2286) if you require admission information in an alternate format or if you need other accommodations.

The Westminster College McNair Scholars Program is funded at approximately \$330,000 yearly. Of this amount, \$220,000 (67%) is an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Westminster College provides the remaining 33% by contributing over \$110,000 of support each year.