

McNAIR SCHOLARS RESEARCH PROGRAM

Application Form

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

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 _____ Place of Birth _____
mm/dd/yyyy 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

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

American Indian/Alaskan Native (Tribal affiliation)

Other (please specify) _____

Are you currently receiving a Pell Grant? Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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

Total credits expected by end of this spring semester _____ Cumulative grade point average _____

Major(s) _____

Minor(s)/emphasis/certificates

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

Graduate field 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 or earn a GED? _____

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)*

Have you ever been dismissed from or placed on academic probation at a college/university or other academic program? No Yes – please explain

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

Are you in any of the following programs?

(Mark as many as apply)

Honors

Stryker

Reisher

Daniels

DSF

Are you a 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

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

Advisor

Email from McNair

McNair website

McNair Bulletin Board

Faculty

Current McNair Scholar

Information Session

Other (please specify)

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION INFORMATION					
NAME:					
DATE OF BIRTH:					
SSN:					
ADDRESS:					
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STATE:					
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ASSETS:					
LIABILITIES:					
OTHER INFORMATION:					

The McNair Scholars Research Program at UNC is a TRiO Program funded by the US Department of Education. To participate, students must meet both US residency and other eligibility requirements.

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 _____ Present during childhood? Yes No -
Name

Parent/Guardian 1	Present during childhood?	Yes	No
Parent/Guardian 2 _____ Name			

Parents' highest level of education (mark appropriate box)

[illegible]

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.

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| 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 |

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

How many people are claimed on your parents' tax forms? _____

What was your parents' 2025 Taxable Income* (not Adjusted Gross Income)? _____

What was your 2025 Taxable Income* (not Adjusted Gross Income)? _____

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

How many people are claimed on your tax forms? _____

What was your **2025** Taxable Income* (not Adjusted Gross Income)? _____

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

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. 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. Please save your document as lastname_firstname_essays and upload it in the appropriate field of our application portal.

- 1) Discuss your long-term 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, and as a program, we emphasize a growth mindset. The curriculum is designed to challenge you, and we offer many resources and guidance to help along the way. After reading our website (<https://www.unco.edu/mcnair>) 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) What kinds of research questions intrigue you? 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.
- 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 16, 2026
Later applications will be 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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