



## RECOMMENDATION FORM

### I. THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Field of Graduate Study \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL** All rights of access to this letter of recommendation conferred by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380) as amended, or otherwise, are hereby voluntarily waived by the applicant. (This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to or receipt of any services or benefits from McNair.)

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Signature

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Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

### II. THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER

*The McNair Scholars Research Program at UNC prepares a select few high-achieving, first-generation juniors and seniors for graduate school through workshops, seminars, and independent research. Your assessment of the applicant's personality, character, motivation, and promise as a scholar and professional will assist the program in selecting our participants for the next cohort. Please answer the following questions, attach a short statement, and sign the back of this form.*

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

In comparison to a representative group of students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how does the applicant rate in the following areas?

	Poor (Lower 50%)	Average (Top 50%)	Good (Top 25%)	Outstanding (Top 10%)	Unable to Judge
Academic aptitude					
Analytical skills					
Research readiness/skills					
Communication skills - oral					
Communication skills - written					
Intellectual curiosity					
Growth mindset					
Intrinsic motivation					
Initiative					
Integrity					
Maturity					
Reliability & responsibility					
Resilience					
Capacity for independent work					
Willingness to accept direction & incorporate feedback					
Growth potential					

You may attach a separate note expanding on your evaluation of the applicant. Please address the applicant's potential as a graduate student and future scholar.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications for priority admission should be received by Monday, February 16, 2026.**

Please submit this form directly to the McNair Scholars Research Program via mail or email. If you are emailing, please send to [mcnair.scholars@unco.edu](mailto:mcnair.scholars@unco.edu). If mailing, please use the address below.

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