The University of Texas at San Antonio
2019-2020 McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION
Please return this application to: McNair@utsa.edu or GSR 2.210

Name: ___________________________________________

Major: __________________________________________

Please submit applications via email: McNair@utsa.edu or in person: GSR 2.210

Organize materials in this order:

- Application parts A, B, and C
- 2 page Statement of Purpose essay
- Current unofficial transcript from ASAP
- Financial Aid “Student Aid Report”
- 2 page signed copy of parents current 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ tax form (if FAFSA is independent status-student taxes)

Letters of Recommendation—2 required, 3 preferred:
Please procure letters of recommendation from faculty in your major field of study who are able to comment on your ability to participate in undergraduate research, your desire to pursue graduate education, and any other pertinent information regarding your potential to succeed in UTSA’s McNair Scholars Program.
If you are a transfer student, you may submit academic letters of support from faculty members at your prior institution(s) of higher education.

Turn in all materials listed above prior to receiving all letters.

Please list the following information for each of the recommenders you are requesting from:

1. Name _____________________________ Title _____________________________
   Department _____________________________ Email _____________________________

2. Name _____________________________ Title _____________________________
   Department _____________________________ Email _____________________________

3. (optional) Name _____________________________ Title _____________________________
   Department _____________________________ Email _____________________________

To be completed by office staff only:

- GPA _______________
- Number of credits _______________
- US Citizen
- Non MBRS/Rise or other grant funded program
- Interview with Program Manager
- Interview with Program Director

Comments:

TRIO Programs are federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
The UTSA TRIO Programs welcome and encourage participation regardless of race, national origin, gender, or disability.
A. Applicant’s Academic Profile
1. Full/Legal Name: ________________________________
   Last     First     M.I.
2. Local Address: _____________________________________________
   Street   City   State   Zip
3. Student Phone Number: (______) _______ - _________________
4. Student UTSA ID/Banner #: ________________________________ and abc123#: ______________
5. Permanent Address: _________________________________________
   (If different from local) Street   City   State   Zip
6. Permanent Phone: (______) _______ - _________________
7. Email address _____________________________________________
8. Gender: M ☐    F ☐
9. Declared Major: ___________________________________________
10. Minor: _____________________________________________
11. Date you entered college: _______________________________
12. Are you interested in pursuing a PhD? Yes ☐  No ☐  Program of study: _________________
13. Have you ever attended a community college? Yes ☐  No ☐  Date of Transfer: _______________
14. Current Academic Standing: ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior
15. GPA ___________
16. Anticipated Graduation date: _____________________________
17. Place of Employment: _________________________________
18. Hours worked per week: __________
19. Have you previously participated in Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Veterans Upward Bound, Educational Opportunity Center, or McNair Scholars Yes ☐  No ☐
20. Birthdate: _______________________________

B. Statement of Purpose
Please provide a 500 word statement of purpose addressing:
- Your interest in the McNair Scholars Program
- Your research experience and area of research interest
- Your educational goals including your intended post-baccalaureate plans
- Your career objectives
- Any information which may aid the UTSA McNair Program selection committee

The statement should be written in standard 12-point font, double-spaced with 1-inch margins, and include your UTSA Banner ID number on the top right-hand corner of the header.
C. Eligibility
21. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes □ No □  22. If #21 is no, are you a Permanent Resident? Yes □ No □
23. Have you participated in MBRS or another research program at UTSA? No □ Yes □
24. Ethnic Background:
   □ Black (non-Hispanic)   □ Hispanic
   □ Native Hawaiian       □ Caucasian
   □ Alaskan Native        □ Asian
   □ American Indian       □ Multi-racial
   □ Native American Pacific Islander
   □ Other (must specify) ______________________
25. Based on the definition below, are you a first-generation college student?  Yes □ No □
   The U.S. Department of Education defines a first-generation college student as “1) a student neither of whose natural or adoptive parents received a 4 year baccalaureate degree; or 2) a student who, prior to the age of 18, regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, and whose supporting parent did not receive a 4 year degree; 3) an individual who, prior to the age of 18 did not regularly reside with or receive support from a natural or an adoptive parent.”
25. Financial Information:
   Statement of Confidentiality: The information contained in this application is for the purpose of determining eligibility for the TRiO McNair Program. Information received is treated confidentially. Attach a signed photocopy of the most current federal income tax form and a copy of your most recent Student Aid Report (SAR)/FAFSA.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL DETERMINE IF YOU ARE AN INDEPENDENT OR DEPENDENT STUDENT
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? □ Yes □ No
Were you born before January 1, 1992? □ Yes □ No
As of today, are you married? □ Yes □ No
Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?  □ Yes □ No
Are both of your parents deceased, or are you a ward/dependent of the court? □ Yes □ No
Do you have dependents who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you? □ Yes □ No

If you answered NO to every question, you are a DEPENDENT student. Complete Section 1 and provide parents taxes.
If you answered YES to any question, you are an INDEPENDENT student. Complete Section 2 and provide your taxes

SECTION 1 FOR DEPENDENT STUDENTS
What is the size of your parents' household, including yourself? ______________________
Did your parent(s) file a federal tax return for most current year? □ Yes □ No
   If yes, what was their most current year’s taxable income? $______________________
      (Taxable income is found on line 27 on IRS tax form 1040A; line 6 form 1040EZ; or line 43 form 1040)
   If no, place a “0” on the line above for taxable income.

SECTION 2 FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS
What is the size of your household including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? ______________________
Did you file the most current year’s federal tax return? □ Yes □ No
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Certification Statement
I verify that all of the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. This information will be kept confidential and used only by McNair Personnel to verify my eligibility. I give the Ronald E. McNair Program my permission to secure/access any necessary information, release of academic records, and to communicate with Faculty/Staff/Agency personnel in order to provide comprehensive support services.

_________________________  ______________________
Signature                   Date
The University of Texas at San Antonio McNair Scholars Program
Faculty Recommendation (I)

[Student's Name] is applying to UTSA's Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program and has identified you as a faculty recommender. **You may use this assessment form OR compose a letter.** Your candid responses will assist us in our selection process.

**About McNair:**
The Ronald E. McNair Program prepares low-income, first generation college students, and underrepresented individuals in graduate education for doctoral study through academic skill building, a paid and faculty-led summer research internship program, opportunities to present research at various conferences and symposia, and assistance with the graduate school application process.

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In your letter of support, please comment on the applicant's aptitude for research, potential for graduate study, ability to work independently, creativity, initiative, perseverance, and emotional maturity.

**Assessment Form:**
1. In what capacity have you worked with the student and for how long?

2. Please comment on the student's academic strengths and weaknesses.

3. If given the opportunity and proper preparation, do you feel the applicant has the potential to conduct research in his/her/their field of study?

4. Does the applicant have the potential to succeed in graduate studies? What is your basis for this judgment?

Print Name and Title ____________________________ Date: __________________

Signature of Recommender: ____________________________________________

Telephone Number or Extension: ________________________________

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Recommendation III

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