



**Cameron University  
Ronald E. McNair  
Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program  
Application for Participation**



Personal Information	Academic Information
Name _____	Graduated High School From: _____
Social Security No. _____	Year Graduated: _____ or G.E.D. in _____
Student ID No. _____	Semester Hours Completed _____
Age _____ M _____ F _____	Semester Hours Currently Enrolled _____
Birth Date _____ Married _____ Single _____	Major _____ Minor _____
Permanent Address _____	Do you plan to attend graduate school? _____
Dormitory Address _____	Do your educational goals include:
Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____	Master's _____ Ph.D. _____
Email address: _____	

**Eligibility Information**

If dependent student – Parent's taxable income last year \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

If independent student – Your taxable income last year \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Assistance**

Do you receive? PELL  Loan  Tribal Grant  VA  DAV  Voc. Rehab   
 State Work Study  Federal Work Study  Not Eligible  Haven't Applied

Do either of your parents have a bachelor's degree?  Yes  No

Ethnic Background African-American  Asian  Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander   
 Hispanic or Latino  Native American/Alaskan Native  White  Other

Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Permanent Resident?  Resident # \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran?  Disabled?

Are you now or have you ever been a TRiO Program member?  Yes  No

If yes, which program? \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize the Cameron University McNair Scholars Program to receive copies of my college transcripts and other education records upon request to determine initial and/or continued eligibility for Program participation. I understand that all records will be kept confidential and in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974.*

The above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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 Educational Plans**



Anticipated Area of Study/Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Undecided Areas of Interest:

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Counselor Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Academic Standing     Good     Probation    Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Nonselected on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (See reason below.)

Probation (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (See reason below.)

Ineligible (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (See reason below.)

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**F.G./L.I.**

**L.I.    F.G.**

**UR:   AF   NA   H   O**



**Cameron University  
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Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program  
Faculty / Advisor Recommendation Form**



*This section to be completed by applicant. Please print or type.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field \_\_\_\_\_

*OPTIONAL: All rights of access to this letter of recommendation conferred by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380) as amended, or otherwise, are hereby voluntarily waived.*

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

***This section must be completed by faculty member or student advisor and returned directly to the Cameron University McNair Scholars Program office, 431 North Shepler.***

Please provide a brief, written assessment of the applicant in response to the following questions: 1) What is your frank appraisal of the applicant's promise as a graduate student and future scholar? 2) What are the applicant's greatest strengths and weaknesses? 3) What is the extent of your acquaintance with the applicant?

**Summary Evaluation:**

In comparison with 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?

Areas of Evaluation	Below Average	Above Average	Excellent	Outstanding	Unable to Judge
Academic Aptitude and Potential for Graduate Work					
Present Academic Performance in Area of Concentration					
Motivation for the Pursuit of Advanced Graduate Study					

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Telephone #/Ext. \_\_\_\_\_



**Cameron University  
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Academic Student Agreement**



I, \_\_\_\_\_, if selected, agree to fully participate in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (McNair Scholars) Program. I understand that the purpose of this program is to encourage underrepresented students with the academic potential to consider doctoral study and research. I further understand that this opportunity is intended to give me the guidance of a McNair counselor and opportunities to enhance my study and research skills as well as receiving assistance in the graduate school admission process.

I realize that I will be expected to give my full commitment to the McNair Scholars Program and to satisfy the following program criteria:

- ❖ **Attend ALL scheduled program meetings;**
- ❖ **Meet with my faculty mentor a minimum of two times per semester;**
- ❖ **Meet with a McNair staff member a minimum of two times per semester;**
- ❖ **Participate in research study and presentations;**
- ❖ **Attend a minimum of three McNair academic and cultural activities and also related Academic Festival and campus and community academic and cultural events each semester;**
- ❖ **Cooperate with follow-up surveys, etc.;**
- ❖ **Complete and return all required paperwork in a timely manner.**

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the conditions for acceptance into the McNair Scholars Program. I understand that at the conclusion of each regular semester, the McNair assistant director will discuss my eligibility to continue in the Program. I realize that failure to comply with any of the above conditions will affect my eligibility for participation in the McNair Scholars Program.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Cameron University**  
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**Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program**  
**Statement of Purpose**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The information in this section is very important to the selection process. Respond in essay format, utilizing complete sentences for the topics and questions that are presented below. **Please provide, on a separate sheet of paper attached to this application, a typed, double-spaced, 300-word personal statement that incorporates each of the following. Thoughtful, well-constructed, honest responses are expected.**

- A. Who are you (describe your family and educational background history and your graduate education and career goals)?
- B. Please define your understanding of the McNair Scholars Program philosophy and its primary objectives.
- C. To what extent are you interested in becoming a college professor, given the premise of the McNair Scholars Program?
- D. What are your reasons for pursuing the doctoral degree, and please specify your projected timetable for obtaining the Ph.D.?
- E. Cameron University McNair Scholars are given the opportunity to apply for participation in a summer research internship. What, if any, research experience do you have? What do you expect to learn from the research internship?
- F. Describe your current course load and your extracurricular activities and general work capacity.
- G. What values/skills (i.e., punctuality, self-discipline, and delayed gratification) do you believe one must have to be successful in graduate school and other endeavors?
- H. Researchers and administrators increasingly contend that success in graduate school requires an appreciation for a balance between mind, body, and spirit. What is your interpretation of this contention?
  - I am thinking about going to graduate school and would like to explore options.
  - I am going to graduate school after working one or two years.
  - I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's (next) degree, but it will depend on financial assistance.
  - I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's (next) degree with or without financial assistance.
  - I have made a firm commitment to get a master's degree, but I am unsure about the Ph.D.
- I. Are there any financial, familial, or personal responsibilities that will conflict with your full participation in the program? An honest, candid, and mature response is expected.