

Pre-McNair Horizons Scholars Program

St. Lawrence University



Ronald E. McNair

Application

McNair Scholars Program
160 A Whitman Hall
Canton, NY 13617

Academic Advising Office
Phone 315-229-5970

St. Lawrence University Pre-McNair Horizons Application Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in the St. Lawrence University Pre-McNair Horizons Scholars Program. Your decision to apply to the program indicates that you recognize the value of pursuing graduate education. As an applicant to the Pre-McNair Horizons Program, you are responsible for attending prescribed programming and reporting on your experiences in order to qualify for a stipend.

Applications will be accepted until all program spaces have been allocated. The attached items should be mailed or brought to the Academic Advising 160 Whitman Hall. You will be asked to **download your unofficial transcript** and supply it with your application. You will also need to sign the enclosed **Financial Information Release form** and take it to the Financial Aid Office.

Requirements:

In order to prepare to be a part of the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, Pre-McNair Horizons Scholars will need to show that they have developed a curiosity and interest in academic/research areas, career development, and cultural awareness. They will need to Attend/Accomplish the following:

- 1) Attend a Pre-McNair orientation session. Date and time TBA
- 2) Attend and report on a Library Orientation session. Date and time TBA
- 3) Attend and report on an academic presentation (opportunities include lectures by visiting scholars, presentations by McNair Scholars, presentations by Jeffrey Campbell Fellows, presentations at the Festival of Science or similar programs on campus)
- 4) Have a meal with a faculty member. (Arranged through the McNair Program – Date and Time TBA)
- 5) Participate in an McNair Program application workshop.

Your attendance at events that provide information about research requirements and opportunities in the fields leading to a Ph.D. will better prepare you as an applicant to the McNair Program.

Best wishes,

Dr. Robert Thacker
160 Whitman Hall
(315) 229- 5970

Selection Criteria

Although students may be eligible for the program, that does not guarantee selection. Scholars are selected based on the following additional criteria:

Selection Criteria: You must indicate you

- Have a serious interest in obtaining a doctoral (Ph. D) degree
- Where applicable, maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in your intended major and an overall 2.8 or above
- Have a commitment to participate in the Pre-McNair Horizons Orientation Program and other Pre-McNair workshops, seminars and activities

Application Checklist:

- Completed Application Form
- Application Essay (one typewritten page)
- Transcript
- Signed and delivered Financial Aid Release Form to the Financial Aid Office

Please have each of the pieces of information sent to St. Lawrence University's Ronald E. McNair Pre-McNair Program to the address below.

Submit all materials to:

St. Lawrence University
Ronald E. McNair Pre-McNair Program
160 Whitman Hall
Canton, NY 13617
Phone: (315) 229-5970

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THE PRE-MCNAIR HORIZONS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Personal Data Form

LAST NAME(s)	FIRST NAME	M.I.	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		E-MAIL ADDRESS
CAMPUS ADDRESS (CMR)		CITY, STATE ZIP			CAMPUS PHONE #
PERMANENT ADDRESS		CITY, STATE ZIP			PERMANENT PHONE #
CLASS STANDING COMPLETED HOURS TO DATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	CURRENT NO OF CREDITS	EXPECT TO GRADUATE QTR/YR	MAJOR or Intended Major	CUMULATIVE GPA
DATE OF BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER STATUS (Please explain) <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT RESIDENT <small>RESIDENT ALIEN CARD NUMBER A</small>			SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	MARITAL STATUS: # OF DEPENDENTS:

Ethnic Background

<input type="checkbox"/> Native American: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> African/Black American: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American/Pacific Coast: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> European American: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian: _____

Educational Background

Did either of your parents complete a four-year college degree? Yes No
 If yes, who completed the degree? Mother Father Guardian

Educational Data

1. List all higher education institutions attended:

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
2. How many semesters have you completed from all higher education institutions? _____
3. First semester enrolled at St. Lawrence University (Month/Year): _____
4. Did you enroll as a Freshman Transfer Student Transfer Student w/ AA Degree?
5. St. Lawrence University – Academic Advisor: _____
6. At this time what area most interests you for doctoral studies? _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

My signature below indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, I have given you on this application, true statements complete and accurate. With my signature, I hereby grant permission to Pre-McNair Horizons Scholars Program at St. Lawrence University to use my name and/or photograph for editorial, promotional, recruitment or educational purposes.

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

In addition to this form, each applicant will need to complete the remainder of the application packet.

Essay:

Write a 500-word essay (approximately 2.5, double-spaced pages) explaining:

1. What do you know currently about the process and reasons for obtaining a PhD?
2. What are your short-and long-term career goals?
3. How do you think the Pre-McNair Horizons Scholars Program might be able to assist you in attaining those goals?

Please note: The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is funded by a federal grant, under TRIO Programs, from the U.S. Department of Education. Grant requirements require that, of the students selected for the St. Lawrence program each year, 2/3 will be low-income, first-generation college students, and that the remaining 1/3 will be from an ethnic group that is underrepresented in graduate study as stipulated by the U.S. Department of Education.

