Mercy College McNair Program Eligibility Checklist

☐ More than 59 credits completed by June 2015
☐ Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or above
☐ Low-income* AND first-generation college student** OR underrepresented***
☐ U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
☐ Currently enrolled full-time at Mercy College
☐ Expect to graduate from Mercy College with a bachelor’s degree

*Low-income is defined by the federal government using the family’s 2014 taxable income from IRS Form 1040 line 43 or IRS Form 1040A line 27 or IRS Form 1040EZ line 6.

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**First-generation college is defined by the Federal government as a student who has not resided with or received primary support from a parent who has received a bachelor’s degree or equivalent.

***Groups underrepresented in graduate education. The following ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented in graduate education: Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

McNair Scholars Program Application Checklist

All of the following items must be delivered to the McNair office by April 15:

☐ McNair Scholars Program Application
☐ Transcript from Mercy Connect
☐ Copy of Financial Aid form (either FAFSA or SAR) or 2014 Income Tax Return
☐ Personal Statement Page 4 Section E
☐ Two current letters of recommendation and completion of form by a faculty member
☐ Writing Sample - A copy of a graded paper

Your application will be read but not processed until all of the necessary materials have been received. In order to be eligible for selection, all materials should be received by the dates indicated. Please use the checklist above to ensure that your application is complete. Applications may be submitted in person between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the McNair Office Main Hall room 212, Dobbs Ferry. They can also be mailed either via regular or intercampus mail.

Submit all materials to:

McNair Scholars Program
Mercy College MH 212
555 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
MERCY COLLEGE MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM
APPLICATION DATA FORM COHORT 21

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

1. Name ________________________________
   Last first middle initial

2. Student ID Number ____________________

3. Date of Birth _________________________

4. Citizenship (check one) □ U.S. Citizen □ Permanent Resident □ Other

5. Current Address ________________________________
   Street city state zip

6. Telephone Number(s): Home - (Area code) number
   Cell - (area code) number

7. E-mail Address ____________________________________________

8. Permanent Address ________________________________
   Street city state zip

9. Permanent phone __________________________

10. Gender □ Male □ Female

11. Ethnic or Racial Identity (check):
    □ Native American or Alaskan Native
    □ Asian American
    □ Black/African American
    □ Hispanic/Latino
    □ White/ Caucasian
    □ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
    □ Other ____________________________

12. Parents'/Guardian Educational Background (check)

Mother/Guardian

□ elementary/some high school
□ high school graduate
□ Associate’s degree
□ Bachelor’s degree
□ Master’s degree
□ Doctorate degree
□ unknown

Father/Guardian

□ elementary/some high school
□ high school graduate
□ Associate’s degree
□ Bachelor’s degree
□ Master’s degree
□ Doctorate degree
□ unknown

13. Do you work or have any other commitments outside of your studies at Mercy College?
    □ Yes Explain ____________________________________________
    □ No Hours per Week _____

B. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

14. Your classification at the end of Spring Term 2015:
    □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior

15. Your total number of credit hours to date: _________________

16. Anticipated date of completing Bachelor’s degree: ___________(month/year)

17. What is your declared major? ________________________________
18. If you have not declared a major, what is your area of interest? ______________________
19. Overall cumulative GPA: _______ 20. Field of Concentration/Major GPA: _______

21. List the Spring 2015 courses in which you are enrolled:


22. Enrolled: [ ] Full-time  [ ] Part-time  23. Campus: [ ] Dobbs Ferry  [ ] Other ______________________

C. EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS

23. Career Interest(s) ___________________________________________________________

24. Which of the following best expresses your desire to attend graduate school:

☐ I have never really thought about graduate school, but I would like to learn more.
☐ I plan to attend graduate school immediately after receiving a bachelor's degree.
☐ At this time I plan to attend graduate school after working one or two years.
☐ I plan to get a master's degree and I am interested in obtaining a Ph.D.
☐ I have made a firm commitment to get a Ph.D.
☐ I am interested in college teaching and research.
☐ I am interested in obtaining an Ed.D.
☐ I am interested in a Professional Doctorate (J.D., M.D., D.V.M., etc)
☐ Other ______________________

25. Which universities interest you?


26. In what field would you consider obtaining a Ph.D. degree? ______________________

D. FINANCIAL STATUS

27. Are you eligible to receive federal financial aid at Mercy College? (check one)

☐ yes  ☐ no  ☐ have not applied


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E. PERSONAL STATEMENT

29. The personal statement should be 1 - 2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and be numbered. Include your name on each page. **Respond to each question thoroughly and completely:**

a) What impact has your background/family history had on your academic/educational studies and career choice?

b) If you were given the opportunity to research a topic in your discipline or area of interest, what would it be and why?

c) What is the most exciting/stimulating academic experience you have had?

F. RECOMMENDATION FORMS

30. Two recommendations are required; at least one should be from a professor. Recommendations should be returned to you, with the recommender’s signature across the seal of the envelope, and should be turned in with this application. List below the names and titles of the people from whom you have requested a recommendation.

Name   Title

G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

31. Indicate any TRIO program(s) in which you have participated: (check all that apply)

- SSSP
- HEOP
- Other

- Upward Bound
- Title V
- Counselor

32. a. List extracurricular activities, offices held, dates and number of hours per week you spend on each.


b. List special achievements, honors and awards.

33. How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program at Mercy? (check all that apply)

- Friend
- Professor
- Letter of invitation

- Flyer/Poster
- Presentation at student group meeting
- Other
All applications will be screened. Semi-finalists will be contacted to schedule an interview. A personal interview is required of all semi-finalists.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct. If I am selected to participate in the Program, I agree to:
1. participate in follow-up activities until I graduate
2. participate in testing and evaluation
3. authorize the McNair Scholars Program staff to obtain academic, financial aid, and other information pertinent to my participation in the McNair Scholars Program at Mercy College.

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Statement of Confidentiality: Information contained in this Application Data Form is for the purpose of determining the applicant’s eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. The information contained in this application is treated confidentially.

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Mercy College
McNair Scholars Program
MH Room 212
555 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

We invite you to contact the McNair Advisor regarding any questions you may have:
Mary Oleksowicz
914.674.7810
moleksowicz@mercy.edu

Office Use Only
- Application
- Transcripts
- Personal Essay
- Tax Form (if applicable)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Graded Writing Sample
2015 Mercy College McNair Scholars Program Recommendation Form

Applicant Section  (to be completed by applicant)

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Telephone: __________________ Email: ______________________

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby _____ waive _____ do not waive my right to examine this evaluation.

Applicant’s signature __________________       Date ____________

Recommender’s Section  (to be completed by the person recommending the applicant)

This section is to be completed by a faculty member who is familiar with your academic abilities, and returned by the recommender directly to the McNair Scholars Program.

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Please use the back of this form or attach a statement about the applicant. In your letter, we would like you to answer the following questions:

- How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- What is your appraisal of the applicant’s promise as a graduate student and future scholar?
- Evaluate the applicant’s academic aptitude and preparation for graduate work, motivation for the pursuit of advanced graduate study, and present academic performance in area of concentration.

The above named student is applying to the McNair Scholars Program. On the scale below, please rate the applicant with a check mark under the appropriate column.

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In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper, please write a statement about the applicant. Please assess the student’s qualifications and potential for academic success in doctoral studies, and discuss such attributes as motivation, intellect, and maturity. Your frank assessment of the student’s strengths and weakness would also be helpful to the selection committee.
Signature: _____________________ Telephone: ________________ Date ________________

Name: _________________________ Position: _________________________

Work Address: ____________________ Email: _________________________

Please seal this form in an envelope and sign your name across the seal. Return the sealed and signed envelope to the student, or mail to McNair Scholars Program, MH 212, Mercy College, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. If you have any questions, please contact the program counselor, Mary Oleksowicz at 914.674.7810 or moleksowicz@mercy.edu
2015 Mercy College McNair Scholars Program Recommendation Form 2

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