

**APPLICANTS:** Send this form to your recommenders along with the signed Cover Sheet/Waiver Statement. We strongly advise that you meet with your recommenders to discuss your graduate school, research, and career interests. We also encourage you to send your recommenders a copy of your McNair application personal statement, resume, transcripts, and a writing sample to give them a well-rounded view of your background, skills, and goals.

**RECOMMENDERS:** The [Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program](#) (McNair Scholars Program) is a federal TRIO program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education with additional support from the university. The purpose of the program is to assist outstanding first-generation & low-income students in their aspirations to earn a PhD. Selection as a McNair Scholar is a nationally recognized honor with many benefits, including faculty-mentored research, travel opportunities, and extensive preparation for graduate admissions. The McNair team works closely with participants as they complete undergraduate studies, prepares them to enroll in graduate school, and tracks their progress through successful completion of a PhD or another research doctorate. We appreciate your candid responses to help us assess the applicant's potential as a McNair Scholar and prospective doctoral student. A separate recommendation letter is not required. **Please submit this completed form and the Cover Sheet/Waiver Statement (signed by the applicant) to [mcnair-scholars@ufl.edu](mailto:mcnair-scholars@ufl.edu) by the deadline.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Recommender's Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Knowledge of the Applicant

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the applicant (e.g., research mentor, instructor for one class, academic coach, internship supervisor)

#### Evaluation of Applicant's Potential as a McNair Scholar (and Future Doctoral Student)

Please rate the applicant in the following categories:

	Exceptional	Strong	Good	Fair	Poor	No Basis to Judge
Ability to understand and apply new ideas						
Oral expression						
Written expression						
Maturity						
Interpersonal skills						
Reliability/dependability						
Ability to balance/prioritize multiple responsibilities						
Responsiveness to feedback/constructive criticism						
Diligence/perseverance towards goals						
Research ability/potential to conduct research						
Motivation for pursuing graduate study						
Potential for completing graduate-level coursework						
Potential for success in the student's chosen field						
Commitment to earning a Ph.D. (research doctorate)						

Please share your insights regarding the applicant's motivation for pursuing a doctorate and her/his potential to conduct research.

What are the applicant's strongest skills, habits, and characteristics that would contribute to her/his success as a McNair Scholar?

Even the most outstanding students have some areas that require change or further growth. In what areas does the applicant need to develop or improve prior to enrolling in a graduate program?

Do you believe the student's grades accurately reflect her/his academic ability and probable success in graduate school? Explain.

Please share any additional comments in the space below. (optional)

**What is your overall recommendation of the applicant for the McNair Scholars Program?**

Strongly Recommend     Recommend     Recommend with Reservations     Do Not Recommend

Recommender's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_