

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Name: _____

Classification: Sophomore
 Junior
 Senior

Do You Qualify? Form

Completed Program Application

Unofficial Academic Transcript

Most Recent Tax Return

Personal Statement

Letter of Recommendation by a SHSU Professor

The McNair Scholars Program is a federally-funded program designed to increase the number of first-generation and low-income individuals who pursue doctoral study.

During the academic year, students participate in activities that support and encourage a high level of educational achievement. In addition, the program will also offer a series of workshops (“How to succeed in Graduate School”) as well as other educational activities. The academic year activities are specifically designed to prepare students to be candidates for the next summer’s research component.

To apply, please submit all required documents to the McNair Scholars Program in Farrington 111-H or mail to the address listed below.

- **Program Application**
- **Unofficial transcript**
- **Copy of most recent tax return**
- **Personal statement (detailing your plans for graduate studies).**
- **Letter of recommendation by a professor (if included in the packet; otherwise mail to Campus Mail Box 2359)**

Submit to:

**Dr. Lydia Fox
Farrington 111-H
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, TX 77340-2359
Phone: 936-294-3279**

Deadline for Submission of Applications – September 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Do You Qualify? Form

Participants must be SHSU students with a minimum GPA of 3.0, sophomores, juniors or seniors, and U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

You must also qualify as first generation and low-income

Please check all of the following provisions that apply.

Yes

No

1. You are a first-generation college student. (Neither of your parents has a 4-year college degree).

2. One of the statements below regarding income applies to you. (Students will be required to furnish documentation of income, i.e. tax return, W-2 forms).

**Your Immediate Household Is Made Up Of/Or Less: Effective January 15, 2025
Total Family Income**

- One person yourself included \$23,475.00
- Two persons yourself included \$31,725.00
- Three persons yourself included \$39,975.00
- Four persons yourself included \$48,225.00
- Five persons yourself included \$56,475.00
- Six persons yourself included \$64,725.00
- Seven persons yourself included \$72,975.00
- Eight persons yourself included \$81,225.00

I certify that the information stated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I further grant permission to the McNair Scholars Program to access any of my educational records.

Name

Signature

Date



Program Application

Name: _____ **SSN#** _____
 Full name as it appears on your Driver's License

Sam ID: _____

Local Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Local Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Permanent Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

SHSU Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Classification: **Sophomore**
 Junior
 Senior

Date Degree Expected: _____
SHSU GPA: _____ **Overall GPA:** _____
GPA in Major: _____

What is the highest level of education attained by:

Mother: Elementary High School Two-year degree Bachelor's Degree
 Graduate/Professional Degree

Father: Elementary High School Two-year degree Bachelor's Degree
 Graduate/Professional Degree

Are you eligible for Financial Aid? Yes No
If yes, what type? Pell Grant Loan Other

How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program?

McNair website Facebook/Instagram page Program Banner (outside LSC)
 Flyer Referral (If so, name the person who referred you: _____)
 Other (Explain: _____)

McNair Program Requirements by Semester

Fall: Attend McNair workshops (will be scheduled later).
Spring: Enroll in a three-hour research course (MCNR 4301) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Summer: Engage in research and attend weekly meetings for an eight-week period.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Please include a copy of your **unofficial academic transcript**.
- Please include a copy of your **most recent tax return**.
- Please list one **SHSU professor** who will write a letter of recommendation for you:

Name

Department

****Letters of recommendation may be included in the application packet or mailed directly to Dr. Fox at Box 2359.****

- On a separate sheet, please include a **personal statement** answering both prompts in 500-750 words. You may attach your typed statement to the application.
 1. What are your graduate school plans and goals? Include a timeline and the type of degree you will be seeking.
 2. How has your background contributed to your success?

FOR DATA COLLECTION ONLY. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: African-American Hispanic Pacific Islander Alaskan Native
 American Indian Caucasian Asian Other: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Birthplace:** _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident

Release of Information Authorization

I authorize Sam Houston State University to share all required and requested information with the Director of the McNair Program.

I authorize the Sam Houston State University *Financial Aid Office* to release my financial information for the academic year to the SHSU McNair Program. This information will be used to verify financial eligibility for the McNair Program.

Printed Name

Signature

Social Security Number

Date

****Please read page 1 for a complete list of application requirements****