

# **University of the Incarnate Word**

## **McNair Scholars Program**

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Phone: 829-2791

Dear Colleague:

The University of the Incarnate Word Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program was established to prepare a select group of undergraduate students for doctoral study through faculty mentoring, active participation in research, learning assessments, financial assistance, and preparation for the graduate school application process. The McNair Scholars Program, funded by the United States Department of Education, serves twenty-five upper-division students selected from groups that are underrepresented in higher education. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first generation college student from a low-income family, or from an underrepresented group in graduate programs.

The McNair Scholars Program is highly interactive. The ideal candidate for this program is an academically successful student with a high level of dedication, commitment, desire, and emotional maturity. We greatly appreciate your honest assessment of this student's potential as a future McNair Scholar.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin B. Vichcales, Dean  
School of Graduate Studies and Research &  
Principal Investigator

Dr. Roberta M. Leichnetz  
Project Director

**University of the Incarnate Word McNair Scholars Program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**►Date Due: October 26, 2009◄**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security #

In compliance with the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C.A. Sec. 1232G),

I hereby \_\_\_\_\_ waive \_\_\_\_\_ do not waive the right to examine this evaluation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Applicant must complete all of the above section in order for his/her recommendations to be reviewed.**

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**TO THE EVALUATOR**

The individual named above applied to become a participant in the McNair Scholars Program and requested you evaluate his/her potential as a future McNair Scholar. If the applicant has *not* waived his/her right to examine this rating form, you should consider it non-confidential, and you may return the form incomplete. We would appreciate your responses to the items below. If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet of paper. Thank you.

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant and for how long?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Please comment on the student's academic strengths and weaknesses.

3. Does the applicant possess the drive and commitment to pursue graduate study and succeed in doctoral education? Please explain.

4. If given the opportunity and preparation, do you believe that the applicant has the potential to do major research in his/her field of study? Please explain.

5. Please rate the applicant in each attribute/skill listed below in comparison with other undergraduate students you have known.

	No Basis to Judge	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Top 75%	Bottom 10%
Intellectual Ability						
Oral Communication Skills						
Written Communication Skills						
Motivation/ Initiative						
Cooperation						
Emotional Maturity						
Dependability						
Creativity						
Open Mindedness						
Commitment						
Task Completion						

6. Please rate the applicant's potential in the following areas:

	No Basis to Judge	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Participate in a research project						
Enroll in graduate school						
Attain a masters degree						
Attain a doctoral degree						

7. Recommendation for program (check one)

- I highly recommend the applicant  
 I recommend the applicant  
 I recommend the applicant with reservations  
 I do not recommend the applicant

8. Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department

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Position/Title

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Office Phone

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E-Mail

Return form by OCTOBER 26, 2009 to McNair Scholars Program, CPO # 18

For questions or comments contact: McNair Scholars Program at 829-2791 or email lechnit@uiwtx.edu