

# Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Recommendation Form

*Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty/staff assessing your academic ability, potential for conducting research in your discipline, and motivation/preparation to undertake graduate study. At least one of the letters should be from a faculty member.*

**This section to be completed by the applicant:**

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

Anticipated Field of Graduate Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Interests or Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE APPLICANT:** In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380), you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to the McNair Scholars Program.

I hereby waive my right to access this letter of recommendation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This section to be completed by the writer:**

McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare selected Lee University undergraduates to pursue graduate study towards a Ph.D. program through workshops, seminars, lectures and research. Students will spend the academic year developing writing and research skills while planning the research project that they will conduct during the summer under the direction of their faculty mentor. Your assessment of the applicant's personality, character, motivation and promise as a scholar and professional will assist the program in selecting our participants. Please answer the following questions, attach a short statement and sign the form.

How long and in what capacity have you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Scoring:** In comparison with a representative group of students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how does the applicant rate in the following areas? *Please mark box below representing where the student falls from your perspective.*

	<b>Poor</b> (Under 50%)	<b>Average</b> (Top 50%)	<b>Good</b> (Top 25%)	<b>Outstanding</b> (Top 10%)	<b>Unable to Judge</b>
Current academic performance in major					
Academic aptitude and potential for graduate work					
Intellectual potential					
Motivation and diligence					
Maturity					
Willingness to accept direction / supervision					
Creativity and imagination					
Ability to work with others					
Analytical skills					
Research skills					
Written communication skills					
Oral communication skills					

**Please attach a separate letter expanding on your evaluation of the applicant by addressing these additional points:**

- Applicant's potential as a graduate student and future scholar
- Applicant's aptitude for academic research and scholarly activity
- Applicant's motivation for completing graduate work
- Applicant's strengths and weaknesses

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form and requested letter to the student in a sealed envelope signed across the seal OR mail directly to the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at the address listed below.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

McNair Scholars Program  
Walker Memorial Building  
Room 203  
Email: [mcnair@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:mcnair@leeuniversity.edu)  
Phone: 423-473-3794