



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN- RIVER FALLS

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

Preliminary Application 2011-2012

If you are an undergraduate sophomore or junior planning to pursue a Ph.D. upon graduation from UW-River Falls, the McNair Scholars Program may be of great benefit to you. Please complete this preliminary application and return it to the following address for an assessment of your eligibility.

McNair Scholars Program
Academic Success Center
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
410 S. Third Street – 105 Davee Library
River Falls, WI, 54022

All information will be kept confidential

Date: _____

Name: _____ Falcon ID: _____

Local/Campus Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

UWRF E-Mail: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Alternative E-Mail: _____

Major: _____ Cum GPA: _____ Credits Completed: _____

Minor: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Referred by: _____ Faculty Staff Student Mailings Other

How did you hear about the program? _____

Please answer the following by checking the correct box:

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No **If No**, are you a permanent resident of the United States Yes No

Are you a permanent resident or citizen of Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or American Samoa? Yes No

Gender: F M Are you a veteran: Yes No

Ethnicity: African American/Black Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Latino/Hispanic Other: _____

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YOU NEED YOUR (Parent's) 2010 TAX FORMS TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION - DO NOT GUESS

Financial Aid Status: **(According to FAFSA)** Dependent Independent

NOTE: If you are not 24 years of age, married, have a dependent child or parent, a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, you are considered dependent even if you live on your own.

2010 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME after ALL deductions – NOT AGI (Use your individual tax forms if you are over 24 or are considered Independent for Financial Aid. Use your parent's tax forms you are a Dependent student)

Please check the appropriate box that contains your family's 2010 Taxable Income

USE Federal Tax Form 1040 – Line 43, 1040A – Line 27, 1040EZ – Line 6

- (1) Under 16,245 (4) 27,466-33,075 (7) 44,296-49,905
- (2) 16,246-21,855 (5) 33,076-38,685 (8) 49,906-55,515
- (3) 21,856-27,465 (6) 38,686-44,295 (9) 55,516-61,125

Number of people in the household _____ (If Dependent, include yourself, parents and all dependents. If Independent, include yourself, spouse and dependent children residing with you.)

Do you currently receive a Pell grant? Yes No

What is the highest level of education that your parent(s)/guardian **completed**?

Father	Mother	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	High school or GED
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attended college but did not complete a degree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed an associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed a bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed a master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed a doctorate or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., MBA etc.)

I certify all of the above information to be true, and I hereby authorize the McNair Scholars Program to obtain any educational records and information, as deemed appropriate by the McNair Scholars Program staff.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please check to make sure every question is answered. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

Note: Any questions about the McNair Program should be forwarded to Njia Lawrence-Porter at njia.lawrence-porter@uwrf.edu or call (715) 425-3531.

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Staff's Signature _____ Date: _____

or

Director/Assistant Director's Signature _____ Date: _____

Eligibility Summary: LI FG LI/FG Underrep./Ethnicity Underrep./ Gender N/A

Eligibility Determination: Eligible LIFG/ Underrepresented

Ineligible: Reason: _____.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Am I Dependent or Independent?

When I fill out the 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSASM), will I have to provide information about my parents?

It depends. Answer these questions:

Were you born before Jan. 1, 1988?	Yes	No
Are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	Yes	No
At the beginning of the 2011-12 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate degree program (such as an M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., or graduate certificate, etc.)?	Yes	No
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training? (If you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes?)	Yes	No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?*	Yes	No
Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012?	Yes	No
Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2012?	Yes	No
At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?	Yes	No
Has it been decided by a court in your state of legal residence that you are an emancipated minor or that you are in a legal guardianship?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2010, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, as determined by (a) your high school or district homeless liaison or (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Yes	No

**Answer No (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces, (2) are currently a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces but released under dishonorable conditions. Also answer No if you are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2010.*

Answer Yes (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer Yes if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2010.

Did you answer Yes to any of the questions? If so, then for federal student aid purposes, you're considered to be an independent student and do not have to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA.

Did you answer No to every question? If so, then for federal student aid purposes, you're considered to be a dependent student, and you must provide information about your parents on the FAFSA. Not sure who counts as your parent? See the instructions on the FAFSA or checkout "Who Is My 'Parent' When I Fill Out the FAFSA?" at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/pubs.

If you have contact with your parents and don't know where they live, you should discuss your situation with **Fill out the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov** plan to attend. The financial aid administrator will help you figure out what to do next.