



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

McNair Graduate Scholarship Award Eligibility Criteria

Purpose

The McNair Graduate Scholarship Award is part of the College of Graduate Studies Diversity and Outreach Initiative which seeks to ensure that adequate funding opportunities exist for all students, and specifically those who have overcome significant educational and personal challenges to pursue higher education and possess the skills, leadership and ability to make a significant impact in their chosen field. The scholarship seeks to ensure that students traditionally under-represented nationally in graduate education have access to assistance to encourage their participation. The College of Graduate Studies (COGS) offers awards for students applying to a Masters or Doctoral program at the University of Toledo, with successful completion of an undergraduate Ronald E. McNair Baccalaureate Achievement program.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for consideration for the McNair Scholarship:

- Be a United States Citizen.
- Verification of completion of a Ronald E. McNair Baccalaureate Achievement Program.
- Be an applicant to a graduate program (JD, PharmD, and MD, Executive MBA, MSBS-Medical Sciences, and graduate certificate programs are not eligible). Meet the specific admissions criteria for the academic program.
- Meet the following criteria:
 - Be a newly admitted graduate student for fall Semester 2016.
 - Have a complete Application for Graduate Admissions to a Masters or Ph.D. program at the University of Toledo on file before the stated deadline.
- Be a full-time graduate student (9 credit hours per semester, or more with academic program and College of Graduate Studies approval).
- Complete and return the McNair Graduate Scholarship Award Application and supporting materials on or before **February 12, 2016**. Late submissions are not guaranteed consideration.
- Be willing to fulfill a 20-hour a week assistantship if selected.

Awards

The McNair Graduate Scholarship Award provides full-time tuition (9 credit hours per semester, or more with academic program and College of Graduate Studies approval) for up to 4 semesters of a master's degree or up to 8 semesters of a doctoral degree, and a stipend according to the departmental rate. Tuition refers to instructional fees only (in-state and out-of-state tuition). Further, these tuition funds cannot be applied to undergraduate, audited or repeated courses.

McNair Scholarship awards are limited and dependent on available funds. UT McNair Graduate Scholarship Awards are not an automatic extension of an Undergraduate McNair Scholarship Program. It is not possible to promise any potential applicant that a McNair Scholarship is guaranteed to them for a program of their choice in any given academic year. Awards are competitive with preference to doctoral programs and first year applicants. Acceptance by the program is required prior to award.

McNair Graduate Scholarship Award Application Process and Deadline:

- ✓ Graduate Admissions Application to a Master's or Doctoral program must be completed and submitted to the College of Graduate Studies prior to the McNair Graduate Scholarship deadline of **February 12, 2016**.
- ✓ McNair Graduate Scholarship Award Application is due to COGS on or before **February 12, 2016**.
- ✓ Academic/Personal Statement, not to exceed 750 words, that summarizes your accomplishments as an undergraduate, addresses your personal and professional goals, states how you would contribute to your chosen field, and describes why you feel you are deserving of this McNair Graduate Scholarship Award opportunity.
- ✓ McNair Graduate Scholarship Award Application and all supporting materials, including Letters of Recommendation, must be submitted together in one envelope. *(The College of Graduate Studies is not responsible for materials not matched to the McNair Graduate Scholarship application.)*

Please go to next page for additional application directions.

Additional materials that will be evaluated by the College of Graduate Studies Diversity Committee. The materials should be submitted as part of the Graduate Admissions Application. In other words, it is not necessary to submit the following items twice.

- ✓ All official transcripts from Undergraduate academic institutions you have or are currently attending.
- ✓ Resume*
- ✓ Two Academic/Professional Letters of Recommendation which explain the applicant's ability to study at the graduate level.*

*If the admissions criteria for your specific program do not include these items please submit them as part of the McNair Graduate Scholarship Award packet described above.

Evaluation and Selection

Each application is evaluated by the College of Graduate Studies Diversity Committee. McNair Graduate Scholarship Award applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the College of Graduate Studies in late spring 2016.

Important Notes

It is The University of Toledo policy; that full-time students receiving Graduate Assistantships such as this one cannot work outside of their assistantship duties unless a Request for Additional On-Campus Employment Outside of Assistantship Duties is filed. I understand that it is expected that I will not work outside of my assistantship if I receive this award, and the failure to comply with these policies can result in termination of this award.

Acceptance of the McNair Scholarship Award could affect other financial aid or student loans. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Office of Financial Aid to inquire about the potential impact of this award on other financial aid or student loans.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is accurate and I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this scholarship award.

Signature

Date

Contact/Submission Address

Deliver to:
University Hall 3190

OR

Mail to:
The University of Toledo
College of Graduate Studies
Attn: McNair Graduate Scholarship Award Application
2801 W. Bancroft Street, MS 933
Toledo, OH 43606-3390

OR

Electronic submission:
Scan all documents (including those with original signatures) and send to
COGS@utoledo.edu

Questions? Please email COGS@utoledo.edu