

Applicant's Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

To the applicant:

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_____ I hereby waive my right to examine this letter and understand that it will not be shared with me.

_____ I do not waive my right to examine this letter.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the recommender:

The above named student is applying for admission to the McNair Scholars Program at Westminster College. Established and funded by the US Department of Education, and named in honor of Challenger space shuttle astronaut Ronald E. McNair, the McNair Program encourages graduate study by providing undergraduate participants with a mentored research experience, seminars, and workshops on topics germane to the pursuit of the doctoral degree, and opportunities to meet with role models who have obtained the terminal degree.

Your candid assessment of the candidate will assist the McNair Admissions Committee. Thank you.

- PART I:**
- How long have you known the applicant? _____ Years _____ Months
 - In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
 - Which best represents your knowledge of the applicant's abilities? Academic Extracurricular Activities
 - Please rate the applicant relative to other students whom you have known in recent years.

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Fair	No Basis for Judging
Communication Skills Oral					
Written					
Interpersonal					
Academic Performance					
Maturity Level					
Multicultural Competence					
Sense of Ethnicity					
Creativity					
Self-Discipline					
Motivation for Graduate School					

PART II: On a separate sheet of paper, please write a statement about the applicant. Write candidly about the student's qualifications and promise for academic success in doctoral studies. In describing such attributes as motivation, intellect, and maturity, discuss both strong and weak points.

PART III: Summary Evaluation (please check only one):

- I urge you to accept this applicant. S/he has exceptional academic skills.
- I strongly recommend this applicant for admission and believe that s/he has the capability to perform at a superior level.
- I recommend this applicant for admission and believe that his/her performance will be comparable to that of most students.
- I think the applicant's qualifications are marginal, but if admitted, the applicant would benefit greatly from participation in the program.
- I do not recommend the applicant for the McNair Scholars Program.

Recommender's Name (please print clearly): _____

Affiliation: _____ Job Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____ Date: _____