



# Faculty Recommendation Form

Dear Faculty Member:

The McNair Scholars program is a federally-funded grant designed to help underrepresented, undergraduate students realize their dream of pursuing post-baccalaureate education. The main goal of the McNair Scholars Program is for students to earn a Ph.D. in order to diversify the professoriate.

The program serves 27 students each year and is quite rigorous. Participants are required to attend weekly workshops and seminars, designate and work closely with a Faculty Mentor on a research project, meet weekly or bi-weekly with McNair Program staff, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, and participate in other scholarly activities that ultimately result in the participant building a strong graduate school application.

Part of the application process requires that applicants seek out and receive a recommendation for the program from a faculty member, preferably in the applicant’s field of study. In order to assist us in selecting the right students for our program, and to ensure the continued success of the program, please be candid in your remarks. **This form will remain strictly confidential.**

Student Name:

Instructor Name:

Department:

Date:

Has this student taken a course from you?                      Yes                      No

If “yes,” what course?

How would you rate the student’s ability to master the course material?

Superior              Above Average              Average              Below Average              N/A

How would you rate the student’s enthusiasm for the course material?

Superior              Above Average              Average              Below Average              N/A

Has this student conducted research with you?                      Yes                      No

If yes, what was the research project?

How would you rate the student’s participation in the research project?

Superior              Above Average              Average              Below Average              N/A

Overall, how would you rate the student's potential to succeed in a graduate school program?

Superior

Above Average

Average

Below Average

N/A

Please use the box below to comment on your experiences with this student. and, based on the brief description above outlining the rigors of the program, please also comment on what you believe to be the student's potential as a future graduate student.

**SUBMITTING THIS FORM**

*This form is strictly confidential* and will only be accepted if it is emailed directly to the McNair Scholars Program Director, Dr. Daniel Melero Malpica ([daniel.malpica@sonoma.edu](mailto:daniel.malpica@sonoma.edu)) by the faculty member who completed the form.