Please complete the following information. All information is confidential and will be released only to authorized personnel. Please answer each question, unless otherwise indicated.

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| Date: |       | Gannon ID #: |       | SSN: |    -  -     |
| Last Name: |       | First Name: |       | MI: |       |
| Email address: |       | Date of birth: |       | Age: |       |
| Address: |       | City: |       |
| Address: |       | State: |       | Zip: |       |
| Telephone: | Home # |       | Work # |       |
|  | Cell # |       | Work hours: |       |
| In case of emergency, notify: |       | Relationship |       |
| Telephone # |       | Alternate # |       |

Are you currently enrolled or accepted to attend Gannon University? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Are you a STEM major? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Are you a U.S. permanent or national resident? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  If yes, permanent resident #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued:\_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible to receive Federal Financial Aid? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If you are under 24 and never married, were you deemed independent for Financial Aid purposes? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Do you currently have a four-year college degree? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

***Place a mark in the box that represents the highest level of education completed by the parent(s) or adoptive parent(s) with whom you grew up prior to age 18.***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | N/A | Grade School | High School | 2-year college degree | 4-year college degree | Beyond 4-years |
| Mother | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Father | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Adoptive parent(s) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Not applicable | [ ]  Foster care | [ ]  Lived with non-adoptive guardians |

**Check any other TRIO programs in which you have participated.**

[ ] Talent Search (Go College, Erie)

[ ] Upward Bound (all)

[ ] Educational Opportunity Center

[ ] Student Support Services

[ ] McNair Scholars Program

**How did you hear about the program? check all that apply.**

[ ]  Friend in the program

[ ]  Class presentation

[ ]  Faculty

[ ]  Another TRIO program

[ ]  Posters or tabling on campus

[ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Education Information** (required)**:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| College major(s): |       | Cumulative GPA: |       |
| Number of total credits completed: |       |

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|  Number of credits for current semester: |       |

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Transfer only:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| What other colleges/universities have you attended?  |       |
| Number of credits earned at other colleges/universities |       |

**Please check areas that would be most useful to achieve your academic and/or career goals.** (Required)

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| [ ]  **faculty research** | [ ]  **GRE Prep** [ ]  **seminars** |
| [ ]  **faculty mentor** | [ ]  **research writing** |
| [ ]  **tutoring** | [ ]  **graduate school visits**  |
| [ ]  **summer research**[ ]  **academic counseling**  | [ ]  **graduate fairs** |

**Demographic Information:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Race:[ ]  American Indian/ Alaskan [ ]  Asian [ ]  Black/African American [ ]  Hispanic/Latino [ ]  Caucasian/White [ ]  Hawaiian/Pacific Islander[ ]  Other       Gender:[ ] Woman [ ] Man |  |

I certify that the information I have provided on this form and in the attached financial documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Signature |  | Date |  |

**Release for Academic Records**

The purpose of the release form is to allow access to information related to your attendance and graduation at Gannon and/or at another university. The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is federally funded and the program is required to determine your status even if you are no longer attending Gannon.

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is federally required to provide information to the US Department of Education each year. This release is to provide our program the permission to request updates from Gannon and, if necessary, from the National Clearinghouse, utilizing your Gannon ID number, Social Security Number, Name, Date of Birth, or any combination thereof.

# Information Authorization Release

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at Gannon University has my permission to receive pertinent records related to my attendance and/or graduation at Gannon, any other university, or from the National Clearinghouse or other data gathering organization utilizing my Gannon ID number, Social Security Number, Name, Date of Birth, or any combination thereof. This information is for the purpose of completing internal and federal reports of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Signature |  | Date |  |

**ELIGIBILITY**

To qualify for program services, all applicants must be:

* Admitted to and enrolled at Gannon in a 4-year program
* A sophomore or junior
* Citizen or national of the US, or person who meets residency requirements for Federal Student Aid
* And meet at least one of the following Federal Requirements:
	+ Low-income and first generation according to federal guidelines
	+ Underrepresented minority (American Indian/ Alaskan, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander)

Decisions about whether students are accepted into the McNair Scholars Program are based upon available space and interview outcome. If you are accepted into the McNair Scholars Program, you will be expected to: make a commitment to research, cultural activities, Gannon Educational Leadership Seminars, graduate school visits, paid summer research at Gannon, attend and present at Celebrate Gannon and take a one credit course called “Intro to research”. Student must stay in good academic standing, and remain enrolled at Gannon University through the receipt of your bachelor’s degree.

**Income Verification:**

Income verification is federally required to determine your eligibility for program services.

If you are **under 24**, you must submit a signed copy of:

* The Income Verification form filled out by your parent(s)/legal guardian(s)’ [if your parent(s)’ information is on your FAFSA]
* OR a copy of your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) most recent federal tax return (the main two pages – 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

If you are **24 or over**, or are otherwise considered independent according to Federal Student Aid standards, you must submit a signed copy of:

* The Income Verification form filled out with your information
* OR a copy of your most recent federal tax return (the main two pages – 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

# DOCUMENTATION TO SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

# [ ]  Signed income verification (parent(s) to complete for students under 24 years of age)

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| **[ ]  Personal Statement** – attach a 400-500 word document incorporating the following: |
| * A brief intellectual autobiography describing the formation of your academic interests, present concerns, and reasons for and interest in becoming a McNair Scholar;
* Your tentative plans for research (either specific or general research areas which are of interest); and
* Your professional goals and any other relevant information.
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**You will be asked to provide a copy of your academic transcript and academic degree plan upon interview.**

# Our contact information:

Nash Library, McNair Scholars Program Suite 036

Director: Charmaine Wilson (wilson081@gannon.edu) 814-871-7838

Coordinator: Julie Pecoraro (pecoraro001@gannon.edu) 814-871-7194



**INCOME VERIFICATION – For custodial parent(s) to complete if student under 24 years old**

Please choose option A or B below that pertains to your Federal income tax filing status and complete the requested information.[Option A is most common.] Alternatively, you may submit a signed copy of your Federal Income Tax Return (e.g. 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ). This must be your most recent income tax returns, which updates on or around April 15th each year.

1. **For \_\_\_\_\_\_ (write in tax year), our family’s taxable income was $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***)* **and number of exemptions was \_\_\_\_\_**.
2. We did not file federal taxes for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (write in tax year).

Our source of income was (check all that apply):

[ ]  Social Security

[ ]  Social Security Disability

[ ]  Unemployment

[ ]  Other non-taxable

[ ]  Taxable income too low to require Federal Filing (if you check this, complete next three lines with information for taxable sources of income using terms from to Table 1-1, found on back of this page)

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| Gross Income: | $ |
| Filing Status (see options below): |  |
| Age at end of above tax year: |  |

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| **Print Full Name:** |  |  |  |
| **Legal Signature:** |  | **Date** |  |

*Table 1-1. 2019 Filing Requirements Chart for Most Taxpayers- From* [*https://www.irs.gov/publications/p501*](https://www.irs.gov/publications/p501)

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| *Note. You must file a return if your gross income was at least the amount shown in the last column.* |

| ***IF your filing status is…*** | ***AND at the end of 2019 you were\* …*** | ***THEN file a return if your gross income\*\* was at least…*** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Single* | *under 65* | *$12,200* |
| *65 or older* | *$13,850* |
| *Head of household* | *under 65* | *$18,350* |
| *65 or older* | *$20,000* |
| *Married filing jointly\*\*\** | *under 65 (both spouses)* | *$24,400* |
| *65 or older (one spouse)* | *$25,700* |
| *65 or older (both spouses)* | *$27,000* |
| *Married filing separately* | *any age* | *$5* |
| *Qualifying widow(er)  with dependent child* | *under 65* | *$24,400* |
| *65 or older* | *$25,700* |
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*\* If you were born before January 2, 1955, you are considered to be 65 or older at the end of 2019. \*\* Gross income means all income you receive in the form of money, goods, property, and services that isn't exempt from tax, including any income from sources outside the United States or from the sale of your main home (even if you can exclude part or all of it). Don't include any social security benefits unless (a) you're married filing a separate return and you lived with your spouse at any time during 2019, or (b) one-half of your social security benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest is more than $25,000 ($32,000 if married filing jointly). If (a) or (b) applies, see the Form 1040 and 1040-SR instructions to figure the taxable part of social security benefits you must include in gross income. Gross income includes gains, but not losses, reported on Form 8949 or Schedule D. Gross income from a business means, for example, the amount on Schedule C, line 7; or Schedule F, line 9. But in figuring gross income, don't reduce your income by any losses, including any loss on Schedule C, line 7; or Schedule F, line 9. \*\*\* If you didn't live with your spouse at the end of 2019 (or on the date your spouse died) and your gross income was at least $5, you must file a return regardless of your age.*