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Greetings Scholars!

Do you have summer plans? I invite you to apply to the 2023 McNair Scholars Summer Research Institute. The Institute is an 8-week residential program to be held at Jackson State University June 5, 2023-July 28, 2023.

What is the McNair Scholars Summer Research Institute?

It is an opportunity to work with JSU faculty and McNair Staff to increase student's awareness of research opportunities. The McNair Scholars Program, officially known as the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, is a federally funded TRiO program. The program is designed to prepare students for graduate study through involvement of research and other scholarly activities. This program, established in 1986 and named in honor of Challenger space shuttle astronaut Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., is underwritten by the Department of Education.

The goal of the McNair Scholars Program is to increase the attainment of graduate degrees by talented students in all disciplines from historically underrepresented segments of society.

During the 8 weeks, your housing, meals, cultural excursions, and conference travel will be covered by the program. Additionally, you will receive a stipend of at least \$2800 upon the completion of the summer program requirements.

Please see the attached brochure for program qualifications and requirements.

Example of a scholarship essay that I recently wrote.

I am applying for THEE Aristocrats STEM and Health Sciences Program since I would like to be part of the change and impact of the contemporary world. Science, Technology, and Math have been an interest of mine since I was young. Jim Hill High School provided Trigonometry and Calculus courses that gave me a great start. I loved math so much that I was the only senior exempt from the senior class final exam.

Learning more about science, technology, and math at that age was an extensive eye-opener for me, and it quickly became a dream field. That dream has helped me take the necessary steps to actualize my goal, but various challenges caused my dreams to shatter. I had lost my mother that same year, and a physician at UMMC diagnosed me with Chronic Pulmonary Aspergillosis. I had five years left to live, and it was quite a journey back to my dreams.

However, belief and hard work have helped me be optimistic and take the necessary steps to put the pieces back together. In my search for opportunities to pursue my long-term dream, I am fortunate to have come across this opportunity. With a positive outlook, hard work, and tenacity, I can excel at this program and reach long-term goals.

In contemporary society, there are various advancements, and individuals need to equip themselves with skills and knowledge in marketable disciplines. Sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) are the most popular and commercial fields. My technology research has led me to believe that there is a need for individuals to advance their skills and acquire essential knowledge which could change the world. I want to increase the field of Graphic Design and innovate various ways of incorporating 3D in many designs in the future. Through the use of STEM, I believe there is potential for advancement. I want to acquire skills and expertise which would enable me later in life to start a non-profit organization. That non-profit will equip others from low-income societies with STEM Programs and grants.

There are many people around the world, who are willing to acquire such skills, but due to life challenges, it has been a challenge for them. At 34 years old, I returned to school to pursue my dream. I am raising three boys after many difficulties in life, and everything I do is to set an example for them. This opportunity will enable me to give someone else a chance to re-live their dream in the future. This program would acquire specific capabilities to allow me to start an organization to help others. The world is an exciting place to live, and if I get this chance, I will open doors for others. I plan to enable individuals with less privileged backgrounds to achieve their STEM goals.



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