

THE NATIONAL MCNAIR SCHOLAR PLEDGE®

I _____ will strive to honor and respect the legacy set forth by
Dr. Ronald E. McNair and former McNair scholars

I will work earnestly toward the realization of my educational goals
I will embrace the challenge of attaining baccalaureate and post baccalaureate education
through hard work, perseverance, and persistence.

I will strive to overcome any obstacles, barriers and limitations
that might hinder, derail, or prevent my educational attainment.

I will endeavor to achieve excellence
By conceiving of and believing in excellence in my personal, professional and academic
endeavors.

I will observe high ethical, moral and academic standards.

I understand that I must be trustworthy, honorable and noble
Respect myself, my peers, and the people who contribute to my personal and academic success
I will graciously extend myself and service to the uplifting of future TRiO students and
promising scholars

I will be a part of the solution and not the problem;

I am a McNair Scholar and I believe in the words of Dr. McNair:
“Whether or not [I] reach [my] goals in life depends entirely on how well [I] prepare for them
and how badly [I] want them.”

With this pledge, I hereby accept the responsibilities and privileges of induction into the Ronald
E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

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