

## ***Are you a potential Boise State McNair Scholar?***

If the following statements apply to you, then you may be a good candidate for the Boise State McNair Program.

### **Legal Requirements (must be met):**

**At least one** of the following two statements accurately describes me:

- I am a first-generation college student (my parents/legal guardians did not earn a four-year college degree before I was 18) who meets current [US Federal Low Income criteria](#).
- I identify as African American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, and/or American Indian/Native Alaskan.

**All** of the following statements accurately describe me:

- I am a US Citizen or Legal Resident.
- I am currently enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at Boise State.
- I will be entering the first semester of the final two years of my undergraduate degree program at Boise State, expecting to graduate in the fall of 2011 or spring of 2012.

### **Graduate Study and Career Interests:**

- I intend to begin my graduate studies the fall term immediately following my graduation from Boise State.
- I am interested in earning a master's or doctorate degree in an ***academic/research graduate program*** in a field from the natural sciences, social or behavioral sciences, arts, humanities, engineering, or math. Academic/research graduate programs focus on research training and advanced study of a subject area and always lead to an M.A. or M.S. and culminate in the Ph.D.
- I am **not** interested in pursuing a master's or doctorate degree in a ***professional/applied graduate program*** such as those in business (M.B.A., D.B.A.), law (J.D.), or Medicine (M.D., D.D.S.). Professional/applied programs provide advanced, applied training to prepare students for careers in the professions.
- While I may not understand how to go about it, I am interested in pursuing a career that will participate in the exploration, generation, and dissemination of knowledge, such as higher education teaching and research, policy research and analysis, medical research, and so on.

### **Academic Interests and Record:**

- I enjoy researching, studying, reading, and writing about topics in my academic area of interest.
- I am excited by the prospect of expanding the breadth and depth of knowledge in my academic area of interest.
- My GPA is at least 3.00 or I have made significant and consistent improvement in my GPA over the last several semesters toward a competitive GPA for graduate studies.

### **Personal:**

- I am interested in the prospect of continuing my graduate studies at a first-rate graduate institution.
- I am not in a position to pay for graduate studies out-of-pocket and want to learn more about receiving funding support through graduate programs and financial aid awards.
- I am a highly motivated student but lack knowledge about graduate school possibilities and processes, primarily due to a lack of higher education experience in my family and community.
- I am willing to do the work as an undergraduate student necessary to better prepare myself to be a competitive graduate school applicant and a successful graduate student.
- I am committed to developing my knowledge, academic skills, and personal dispositions in preparation for graduate studies and to fully and actively participating in a program that will help me do so.
- I would like to join a supportive, interdisciplinary learning community of like-minded Boise State students from backgrounds similar to mine, who are also preparing for graduate studies.
- I look forward to the challenges and rewards that come with participation in a program like the McNair Scholars and would maximize every opportunity it provides, if admitted.