McNeese State University
Academic Scholarship Application

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MSU offers academic scholarships to those students with high academic credentials. Standardized test scores and grade point average are the primary basis upon which awards are made. Courses taken, extracurricular participation, and leadership are also used in the selection of scholarship recipients.

To be considered for academic scholarships, you must:

- **Complete the Application for Admission and the Academic Scholarship Application.**
- **Include an unofficial transcript when returning the application. NOTE: For students graduating from state-approved Louisiana high schools on or after May 2003, the paper high school transcript *is not required*. This information will be accessed through the Louisiana Student Transcript System.**
- **Have official ACT/SAT scores forwarded to McNeese State University from the testing company (first-time freshmen only).**

Student Information *Please print*

MSU ID or Social Security Number	Last Name	First	Middle	Other/Maiden

Mailing Address (Number, Street, Apt. #)	City	Parish/County	State	Zip

E-mail Address	High School	High School Graduation Date (mm/yy)

Status (Check One): ☐ First-Time Freshman ☐ Early Admission/High School Dual Enrollment ☐ Transfer Student
☐ Former McNeese Student ☐ Continuing McNeese Student ☐ First-Time Graduate Student

Indicate all that apply: ☐ Undergraduate Student ☐ Graduate Student ☐ International Student

Indicate degree/certification that you are seeking:
☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree ☐ Master's or Specialist Degree ☐ Certification (Dietetics, Teacher, other)

Semester/Year you plan to enroll (semester/yy)	Are you classified as a resident of Louisiana? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you plan to live in a residence hall? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Are you in the CALL online program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Did either parent graduate from McNeese? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Did either parent attend a college or university? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate other awards, scholarships, or financial aid you expect to receive while at McNeese:
☐ TOPS Honors ☐ Athletics ☐ Music/Band ☐ Graduate Assistantship
☐ TOPS Opportunity ☐ Debate ☐ Private
☐ TOPS Performance ☐ Financial Aid ☐ Rodeo ☐ Other_____

For First-Time Freshmen Only

Six-semester rank in class is _____ out of _____. _____ %

Six-semester GPA is _____ on a 4.0 scale -OR- _____ on a _____ scale.

ACT Score: Eng _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Sci. Reas. _____ Composite _____ Eng/Writing _____ Test Date _____

SAT Score: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Test Date _____

THE OFFICIAL SCORE REPORT MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO McNEESE FROM ACT OR SAT

For Transfer & Graduate Students

Undergraduate Cumulative GPA _____ Undergraduate Cumulative Hours : _____

For Graduate Students

GRE Score: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____ or GMAT Score _____

Attach (staple) additional pages if necessary to complete the following questions:

Activities and/or Employment (years of participation in each activity or position):

Leadership Positions Held (club president, committee chairperson, etc.):

Honors and Awards Received:

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Signature of Student Date

Your signature indicates that the information submitted accurately represents your credentials for consideration forMcNeese scholarships. It also is your authorization for the University to verify this information through appropriate means and to release this information to authorized selection committees. Should you receive a scholarship, the University is authorized to release award information to news media, scholarship donors, and other persons deemed appropriate.

Return completed application to: McNeese Scholarships • Box 92575 • Lake Charles, LA 70609

Scholarship Information

Each year over $5 million in scholarships and awards are disbursed to McNeese students. Academic scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to qualified full-time students who remain in good standing. Scholarships in music, band, theatre, debate, and rodeo are also available to McNeese students. Please contact the specific department for additional information on scholarship opportunities in these areas. Scholarships may be used to pay for University expenses and range from $100 to $5,000 per semester. The priority deadline for scholarship applications is **December 1** for the upcoming academic year. A listing of available scholarships is published in the **McNeese Catalog** and online at **www.mcneese.edu/scholarships**.

The TOPS Scholarship Program (funded by the State of Louisiana) provides scholarships to eligible students graduating from Louisiana high schools after August 1996. Eligibility for these awards is determined by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in Baton Rouge. McNeese and private scholarships may be utilized in addition to the TOPS award as long as the total awards from all sources do not exceed the established cost of attendance.

Informational brochures are available through the high schools or from the McNeese Scholarships Office. **In order to apply for the TOPS program, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the state established deadline**. Additional information regarding TOPS may be obtained from LOSFA at 1-800-259-5626, ext. 1012, or by accessing its website at: **www.osfa.la.gov**.

Honors College

Created to meet the intellectual needs and expectations of highly motivated students, the Honors College strengthens McNeese State University's commitment to providing the guidance and personal instruction that supports excellence in undergraduate education. The Honors College is designed for outstanding students with strong academic backgrounds who desire an alternative course of instruction at the college level. Multidisciplinary honors courses, independent studies, and opportunities to study abroad are available to Honors College participants.

Students who participate in the Honors College may be awarded financial assistance toward tuition and fees, residence hall and meal fees, or book expenditures. Students will also receive a special designation on University transcripts for honors courses.

Criteria for admission into the Honors College include: a composite ACT score of 27 or a SAT combined math and critical reading score of 1210 and an overall high school GPA of 3.4. Additional considerations for admission will be the student's high school transcripts, a written essay, interview, and three letters of recommendation. Admissions to Honors College is limited and awarded on a competitive basis. Application review begins on December 1, and applicants are encouraged to apply early.

For additional information and applications, contact Scott Goins, director, at (337) 475-5456, or online at **www.mcneese.edu/honors.**

McNeese Access Award (Non-Resident Fee Waiver)

The Access Award/Non-Resident Waiver Application is available on the McNeese website or from the Office of Scholarships and Testing. To apply for the waiver, students should submit the waiver form, the admissions application, applicable transcripts, and/or test scores.

Non-resident students (from other states) enrolling at McNeese for the first time who meet specific criteria may apply for a waiver of non-resident fees.

First-time freshmen or undergraduate transfers with less than 12 college-level hours may receive a non-resident fee waiver if they meet the following criteria:

1. A minimum ACT composite score of 21 (or minimum SAT combined math and critical reading score of 980)
   and
2. A cumulative high school GPA of 2.25 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale
   and
3. Have no need for remedial course work.

Transfer students who have completed at least 12 hours of college-level course work may receive a non-resident fee waiver if they meet the following criteria:

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 on college-level work
   and
2. Have no need for remedial course work.

Students approved under these criteria will remain eligible to retain this waiver as long as they maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 cumulative GPA) and full-time status.

Students who do not meet the criteria for the non-resident fee waiver described above may qualify for one of several other non-resident fee waivers available at McNeese. Detailed information is available in the **McNeese Catalog** or on the website at: **www.mcneese.edu/scholarships**.

Note: *Students may be declared a Louisiana resident if either parent is a graduate of McNeese or resident of Louisiana.*