



AMERICAN
MONTESSORI
SOCIETY

AMS TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Guidelines and Requirements

For the 2020-2021 Academic Year (Summer/Fall)

Guidelines

I. Application Process

Applicant completes the application packet and mails **2 completed applications** (original and one copy) to:

American Montessori Society
Attn: Teacher Education Scholarships
116 E 16th St, 6th floor
New York, NY 10003

Each complete packet of application documents includes the following, and must be organized in this order:

- 1) Application Form (Section 1)
- 2) Personal Statement (Section 2)
- 3) Verification of TEP Acceptance (Section 3)
- 4) Financial Statement included (Section 4)
- 5) 2019 IRS Income Tax Form or equivalent documentation for international applicants (Section 5)
- 6) 3 original letters of recommendation (Section 6)

Applicant mails two copies of the application to AMS in one envelope: the original application and one copy. Application documents must be stapled together. Keep an extra copy for yourself.

Scholarship Selection Timeline

Applications **must be received in the AMS office by May 1, 2020** – every applicant will be sent an email confirmation of receipt of the application to the email address provided on the application. Scholarship recipients will be informed by email by the end of **May, 2020**.

II. Application Submission Information

- Applicants must use this application form for the year 2020-2021. Provide only the information and documentation requested; **send no additional information**.
- AMS only awards partial tuition scholarships for each credential. Applicants who have previously received an AMS scholarship will not be considered for an award for the same credential and are not eligible to apply.
- AMS guidelines are for use by applicants in preparing the application; this page is not to accompany the scholarship application.
- Applications must be completed as a fillable PDF document and must be typed; **handwritten applications will not be accepted**.
- International applicants must follow the guidelines as set forth on the Financial Information page (Section 4); proof of income is required. All documents must be submitted in English or include English translations.
- All communications between applicants and the AMS office are handled through email; therefore **a valid email address must be included** in the application.
- AMS scholarships are granted for **unpaid** tuition only. For scholarship applicants already enrolled in an AMS-affiliated Montessori teacher education program, scholarships are for outstanding tuition only. Awards may not be applied to tuition already paid. Expenses beyond tuition (books, materials, fees, travel, room & board, etc.) may not be included.
- The scholarship award is paid to the teacher education program in which the applicant is enrolled and accepted for all levels **excluding the Administrator** course level.
- If a scholarship recipient withdraws from the program prior to receiving an AMS credential, unused funds are returned to the AMS Scholarship Fund in accordance with the tuition refund policies of the teacher education program.
- Applications become the property of the American Montessori Society upon receipt.

III. Selection Criteria

1. Any aspiring Montessori teacher is eligible to apply for an AMS Teacher Education Scholarship, if the applicant has been accepted, is in process of acceptance, OR is enrolled in an **AMS-affiliated teacher education program**. Applications are not accepted for teacher education programs that are not AMS-affiliated. Applicants who have previously received an AMS scholarship will not be considered for an award for the same credential and are not eligible to apply.
2. Applicants are considered on the basis of financial need, a compelling personal statement, three letters of recommendation, and official verification of acceptance into or enrollment in an AMS-affiliated teacher education program. The Adult Learner must be attending or completing during the current academic year(s).
3. To be considered, applicants are responsible for compiling and sending the completed materials in accordance with printed guidelines.
4. Applications received after May 1, 2020 will not be considered.
5. Incomplete applications (those missing any documentation listed above) will not be considered for a scholarship award.



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NOTE: Scholarship outcomes, rubric scores, and information based on application results are unable to be shared with applicants in any capacity.