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## **AMS Teacher Education Scholarship Application 2021 – 2022 Academic Year**

AMS provides partial scholarships for adult learners newly accepted into, or already enrolled in, an AMS-affiliated teacher education program. These scholarships were established to support the increase of the number of credentialed classroom teachers, and are, consequently, intended for applicants working towards a Montessori teaching credential. Applicants are considered on the basis of official verification of acceptance the program, financial need, a compelling personal statement, and three letters of recommendation

In order to be considered for a scholarship award, completed **online** application packets must be received by **April 19, 2021, at 11:59 pm**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be informed via email by the first week of **June 2021**.

**Send your application packet in the form of email attachments, as stated in the Guidelines for Online Submission, to [tes@amshq.org](mailto:tes@amshq.org).**

**Make sure you follow the directions regarding the subject line of your email, as well as the order of scanned documents--if scanning all documents together.**

**Include the below listed items, in the following order:**

1. Applicant information
2. Personal statement
3. Verification of IEPAcceptance
4. Financial statement
5. **2020** Income Tax Form
6. Three letters of recommendation

Please fill in all information on this PDF form—applications **missing information will not be accepted**.

*All information provided in your application will be treated as confidential and used solely for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients for the **2021–2022** academic year.*



**Teacher Education Scholarship Application: 2021 – 2022 Academic Year**  
**Applicant Information**

**Name:** Last, First, Middle Initial

**Address:** Street, City, State or Province, ZIP or Postal Code, Country

**Email**

**Daytime Phone**

\*Have you previously received an AMSTE scholarship? Yes  No  If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about AMS teacher education scholarships?

- AMS website       Montessori school       Teacher education program  
 Other scholarship websites       Other – describe: \_\_\_\_\_

This scholarship application is for a teacher education program (check one):

- to which I am newly applying and accepted.       in which I am already enrolled.

Course level:

- Infant & Toddler (0 – 3)       Early Childhood (2.5 – 6)       Elementary I (6 – 9)  
 Elementary II (9 – 12)       Elementary I – II (6 – 12)       Secondary I (12 – 15)  
 Secondary I-II (12 – 18)

Montessori credentials you currently hold, along with issuing organization (AMS or Other)

- |                                  |                              |                                                |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I&T     | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EC      | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EI      | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EII     | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EI–II   | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SECI    | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SECI–II | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADMIN   | <input type="checkbox"/> AMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ |

By signing here, I attest that all the information I have provided on this page is true.

**Applicant's signature:**

**Date:**



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**Personal Statement**

Write a compelling personal statement (max. 1,000 words) explaining your reasons for requesting financial assistance. Be sure to include the following:

- Explanation of your financial need
- Why you have chosen Montessori education as a career
- What you hope to offer children and their families as an outcome of your studies in an AMS-affiliated teacher education program
- A description of yourself as the teacher you wish to be

Please type your completed personal statement here, or submit in a separate document entitled Personal Statement, and make note of this fact here.



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**Verification of Acceptance**

**To be completed by applicant:**

In order to qualify for an AMS teacher education scholarship, the applicant must be accepted into (or enrolled in) an AMS-affiliated teacher education program prior to submission of the scholarship application. The program director’s **electronic or scanned** signature below verifies that you have met this requirement. This page should be included with the rest of your application submission to AMS, as time permits. If emailed separately by the teacher education program director, the separate email must be received by **April 19, 2021**.

Name: Last, First, Middle Initial

Name of AMS-affiliated teacher education program:

Program director’s name:

Program director’s email address:

**To be completed by teacher education program director:**

Your signature at the bottom of this page verifies that the applicant identified below has been accepted into (or is already enrolled in) your AMS-affiliated teacher education program. Following completion of the requested information, this page should be returned to the applicant to be included with their application packet, as time permits. In the event that extenuating circumstances prevent timely return of this page to the applicant, please ensure that this page is emailed to the [ams@amshq.org](mailto:ams@amshq.org) directly and received by **April 19, 2021**.

The above-named individual  has been accepted into, or  is currently enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_ course level at this AMS-affiliated teacher education program.

The academic phase for this cohort will begin (or has begun) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mo/yr).

*For new adult learners:* What is the amount of the full tuition for the course level this adult learner will attend? Please list tuition only; do not include other expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*For currently-enrolled adult learners:* What is the remaining balance due for this adult learner’s tuition? Please list tuition only; do not include other expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program director’s signature:

Date:



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**Financial Statement**

Please attach a signed and dated copy of your **2020** income tax return.

- If you used IRS Form 1040 or 1040-A, include only pages one and two of the return. If you used IRS 1040EZ, include only page one of the return.
- For international applicants, please include equivalent documentation of income. Please also provide the financial information on the next pages in USD, and include the conversion rate at the time of your application’s submission in the space provided.

Please complete all information below. If income and/or expense is unknown, please provide your best estimate. If an item does not apply to you, please fill in “N/A” – avoid leaving blank spaces if possible, to ensure no items are missed.

Financial dependency status:

- Dependent on parents       Dependent on spouse/partner       Not dependent

<b>Annual Income and Expenses</b>	<b>Last Year Actual 2020</b>	<b>Estimate Current Year 2021</b>	<b>Estimated Next Year 2022</b>
Salary and Wage ( <b>Indicate: I-Individual; J-Joint</b> )			
Dividend/Interest Income			
Alimony Received			
Non-profit from business/farm/other			
Other taxable income			
Total IRS allowable deductions			
Non-taxable income: child support received			
Non-taxable income: social security benefits			
Other non-taxable income (Itemize attachment)			
IRA total itemized deduction (IRS Schedule A)			
Self-employment tax paid			XXXXXX
Total state and other taxes paid			XXXXXX
Total medical, dental expenses (Not covered by insurance)			XXXXXX
Unusual expenses (itemize attachment)			XXXXXX
<b>Assets and Liabilities</b>			
Home equity			XXXXXX
Other real estate equity			XXXXXX
Car _____ (market value minus debt)			XXXXXX
Bank accounts (total savings and checking)			XXXXXX
Other investments (net value)			XXXXXX

Indebtedness (medical, disaster, etc., not including home, car or consumer)			
Indebtedness (consumer charge cards)			XXXXXXX
Rent or mortgage payments			
Employment-related child-care expenses			
Face value of life insurance policies			XXXXXXX

School sponsorship:

Are you currently employed by a Montessori school?  Yes  No

Will a school or organization be providing financial support for your enrollment in an AMS-affiliated teacher education program?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify items for which assistance will be provided, and the dollar amount for each:

Item	Estimate \$\$ amount of expense	Amount to be paid by sponsoring school/organization
Tuition		
Materials		
Books		
Room and Board		
Travel		
Other		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Would your school consider a matching scholarship grant with AMS for you?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the dollar amount that your school would be willing to match? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship request:

What is the amount of scholarship assistance that you are requesting from AMS? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(AMS scholarship awards can only be used towards tuition, and cannot cover the full amount.)

What is the total cost of tuition for the teacher education program in which you are enrolling/enrolled (from Section 3 of this application)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Excluding tuition, please provide an estimate of your other related expenses (e.g. books, materials, travel, room & board, etc.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

International applicants only: The currency exchange rate on the date submitted is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification of information:** I declare that the financial information reported on this form, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct and complete. I authorize its use by the AMS Scholarship Committee, and the Committee has my permission to verify the information reported.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Recommendations and References**

As part of the scholarship application process, three letters of recommendation must be submitted on your behalf. These letters must be written specifically for the AMS teacher education scholarship application, and should come from multiple sources (e.g. previous employers, current employers, community leaders, etc.). Avoid having all three letters of recommendation come from the same school (or coworkers in the same school community), or from family members. Letters should include information about your capabilities working with children at the age range for which you are seeking a credential, and reasons why you should be a recipient of an AMS scholarship.

To ensure that all parts of your application are received by AMS, it is **required** that your \_\_\_\_\_ recommendations are submitted with the rest of your application, in individual **attachments**, signed by the letter-writers. All three letters are required in order for your application to be considered complete.

Please list below the names of three individuals who are recommending you for scholarship eligibility to AMS.

Name:	Position/Title:	Date:
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**The American Montessori Society is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education. AMS does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, ancestry, national or ethnic origin, or any other classification protected by applicable law in the administration of its scholarship programs, and other AMS administered programs and activities.**