Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship – Instructor Academy Guidelines and Requirements

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DEI Scholarship Application
Guidelines and Requirements

Application Guidelines:

Anyone who meets all the following requirements may apply for the American Montessori Society Teacher Education Instructor Academy:

- Has a minimum of 3 years of teaching experience at their credential level after receipt of an AMS-recognized credential or its equivalent.
- Has a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited university or meets the guidelines for degree from the nationally recognized standard in the country in which it was received.

Special consideration will be given to:

Priority attention will be given to Montessori educators who:

- are of color and/or from under-resourced populations, including LGBTQIA+ and developing nations
- are disabled
- are members of a protected class under State or Federal law
- show leadership potential working with teacher education programs and adult learners, especially those who are in any way disenfranchised, such as economically, racially, religiously, socially, or politically
- work in Montessori TEPs and/or schools serving racially diverse communities and/or under-resourced populations

What each scholarship covers:

- AMS individual Basic Membership dues (July 1 – June 30, 2021): $92 value
- Instructor Academy program fee: $2,500 value
- Travel stipend for in-residence component: A maximum of $500.
- Total value: $3,092

Scholarship timeline

- October 15, 2020: Deadline to submit your Scholarship Application (and Instructor Academy Application)- Each applicant will be sent an email confirmation receipt to the email provided in the application. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- October 16 – November 6, 2020: AMS scholarship applicant review process by DEI Committee members
- December 4, 2020: Notification of acceptance into the program
- December 4, 2020: Notification of scholarship award
- January 25, 2020: Online classes begin

Application Process

Applicant completes the online application which includes the following:
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1. Applicant information
2. Professional statement
3. Financial statement
4. 2019 Income Tax Form - (Please white out your social security number.)

Please note:
- Applicant’s letters of recommendations for Instructor Academy will be forwarded to the scholarship review committee as part of your application.
- Verification of acceptance into Instructor Academy will be documented by AMS office staff, prior to sending packets to the DEI scholarship review committee.

Submission guidelines:

Please only submit the requested documentation.

- Multi credentialed applicants-AMS only awards DEI Instructor Academy Scholarships to individuals for one credential level every three years.
- Applications must be completed on the fillable PDF document that is provided.
- International applicants must follow the guidelines as set forth on the Financial Information page; 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 DEI Scholarships cover the cost of the Instructor Academy program fee ($2,500) and travel costs (to and from the practicum site) up to $500 per recipient. If travel expenses are less than $500.00 the awardee will receive the amount documented.
  - The tuition portion of the scholarship award is debited to the awardee’s AMS account and not paid directly to them.
  - The travel portion- Reimbursement contingent upon submission of documentation (travel expense form with receipts) within 30 days of the latest expense on the form.
- If a scholarship recipient withdraws from the program prior to receiving an AMS Instructor Academy Certificate, all unused funds are returned to the AMS Scholarship Fund.

NOTE: Scholarship outcomes, rubric scores, and information based on application results are unable to be shared with applicants in any capacity. All submitted documents become the property of AMS.

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