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

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### **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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