AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY
education that transforms lives

Benefits of AMS Affiliation for Teacher Education Programs

Publicize your program to a broad audience

- Online teacher education program directories with pertinent information about your organization—a valuable resource for potential students looking for a quality Montessori teacher education program in their area
- Complimentary employment listings on our Website and at our conferences
- Representation by AMS at regional meetings and educational conferences throughout the world

Raise the quality of your Montessori education program

- Participate in conferences, symposia, retreats, and other professional events at discounted rates

Strengthen Montessori education overall

- Your organization will receive four issues of our quarterly professional magazine, *Montessori Life*
- Increase the number and diversity of Montessori teachers through expanding AMS scholarship opportunities

Speak out through AMS to garner public support and encourage advocacy policies

- Representation at the United Nations, Council for American Private Education, the Children's Defense Fund, and other coalitions to advocate for the Montessori education community
- Research resources and support

Voting membership in the *Teacher Education Committee* (TEC)

The TEC implements the Montessori vision within AMS by developing high quality teacher education programs, submits candidates for the MACTE commission, and elects officers and course-level representatives who provide leadership in the affiliation process. Program members:

- Help research and advance best practices in the preparation of Montessori teacher educators
- Contribute to a knowledge base of curriculum and instruction for Montessori teacher education
- Create and advocate for standards to support and maintain excellence in AMS-affiliated Montessori teacher education programs

- Participate in an annual meeting where programs learn the latest trends and research in the Montessori community, attend networking sessions, and participate in professional development opportunities

Teacher education program members also receive:

- Voting rights in AMS elections to help shape the future of Montessori education—one vote per course level, per site
- Discounts on AMS brochures and other publications
- 25% discount for teacher education program members on purchases from Nienhuis Montessori USA, the world's leading supplier of Montessori materials, books, and furniture
- Opportunities to participate in various insurance plans including auto, liability, disability, and term life insurance, plus comprehensive health insurance

Individual members also receive:

- A subscription to our quarterly magazine, *Montessori Life* (optional for international members)
- Discounted registration fees for AMS conferences and other professional development events
- Verification of AMS and NCME teaching credentials
- A school tuition and salary survey every "odd" year
- Discounts on AMS brochures and other publications
- Discounts (5%) on purchases from Nienhuis Montessori USA
- Optional comprehensive health insurance. Plan options include Health Savings Accounts, Family PPO Plans and Group Employee Health Plans
- Optional 529 College Savings—tax-sheltered savings plan with no sales charge
- Discounted auto insurance through GEICO (not available in MA or NJ)