

\$11,300 Tuition Assistance Towards Montessori Teacher Training

Montessori Center of Minnesota (MCM) is launching high quality Montessori early childhood programs across the state through our outreach initiative called *Montessori Partners Serving All Children*. We are recruiting academically qualified students with diverse ethnic, economic and educational backgrounds to develop into high quality teachers to serve marginalized children and families who experience limited access to high quality early childhood education due to socioeconomic challenges.

In exchange for a three-year commitment to work with us to serve these families, MCM is offering full tuition assistance towards an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) diploma at the Primary Level, valued at \$11,300. This certification is recognized internationally for its quality and high standards, and qualifies graduates to teach children ages 3 -6. The program is a graduate level program, offering the option to enroll in a Master of Arts in Education program at St. Catherine University in St. Paul.

A bachelor's degree (in any field) from an accredited university is preferred for admission but not required. Admission will be at the discretion of the Director of Training. For those without a four-year degree, we offer the opportunity to earn credit toward a bachelor's degree through a partnership with Metro State University. Those who hold a degree have the option of earning credit toward a master of arts in education in partnership with St. Catherine University. Passion for education and children is vital. Documented experience working with young children is a plus, but not required. The MCM is seeking qualified candidates with the following skill sets:

- **American Indian** student with passion for community and cultural revitalization. Language skills in Dakota/Lakota or Ojibwe are highly desirable, but not required.
- **Hmong** student with competency in Hmong and English language. Demonstrated knowledge and commitment to honoring cultural practices and customs within the Hmong community.
- Bilingual, bicultural student who is fluent in Spanish and English with personal knowledge of customs and parenting practices within the **Latino** community.
- Student of **African** decent with knowledge of cultural practices within the African and African American communities
- Personal and professional commitment to engage in meaningful work with individuals, families, communities, organizations and governments to champion the rights, education and welfare of children, particularly in vulnerable communities.

Download the application at <http://www.montessoricentermn.org/trainees/primary-training/>

Application packet should include a cover letter and the following pieces:

- Application fee (refunded upon acceptance for tuition assistance)
- Autobiographical essay
- Resume
- Required application essays

Deadline for application submission is June 1, 2016 and chosen candidates must be prepared to enter our 9-month teacher-training course September 2016. Application can be mailed to Montessori Center of Minnesota, 1611 Ames Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106 or emailed to mtcm@mtcm.org.

For more information contact Connie Black, leader of the *Montessori Partners Serving All Children* initiative, at connie@mtcm.org.

To learn more about the power of Montessori to close the educational gap and support communities toward unity:

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