

Qualifications

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Qualify as low-income based on Federal Poverty Guidelines*
- Be a woman of color
- Have strong academic skills
- Intern (paid) at Montessori Center or a local Montessori school in the morning during the academic year while completing teacher training
- Commit to employment in a MN Montessori school following the training program

Application Process

Interested individuals may apply by completing an application before April 15, 2016. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Applications are found at:

www.montessoricentermn.org/

Montessori-training/primary-training or by calling (651) 298 -1120.

Communities, organizations and individuals are encouraged to share the *Women United Scholar* program with colleagues, friends, and family.

*FPG: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-864b.pdf>

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Mission

Our mission is to transform lives and society by broadening access to the power of Dr. Maria Montessori's proven method of education.

Vision

All humanity working for the common good in our shared world.



Montessori Teacher Training Scholarship



Become a
Montessori Teacher

Scholarship for Training
Paid Internship
Living Stipend
Job Placement Support

Innovative Opportunity

Overview

Montessori is expanding. Through efforts including Montessori Center of Minnesota's initiative *Montessori Partners Serving All Children*, low-income and diverse communities have greater access to high quality Montessori programs now more than ever. As a result there is an urgent need for more trained Montessori teachers.

The Montessori Center of Minnesota, with generous support from the Greater Twin Cities United Way through the Women United Early Childhood and Women's Financial Stability Innovation Grant, is excited to offer the opportunity for low-income women of color to receive high-quality Montessori training to work with children ages 3-6. The *Women United Scholar* grant includes full tuition assistance, a paid internship, and a living stipend.



Teacher Training Opportunity

Authorized by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), the teacher training program is a 9-month course that prepares adults to work with children ages 3-6. Teachers in training attend class Monday through Friday 1-5:30 p.m., September through May. The course work includes over 900 hours of teacher training and is directed by Molly O'Shaughnessy, an accomplished AMI trainer, consultant, and lecturer. In the last five years, the course has a 100% employment rate for graduates.

There are eight weeks during which Women United Scholars would be required to be observing or practice teaching for the full-day (approximately 8:00-4:00). Teachers in training will be supported with a mentor during training.

Paid Internship/Living Stipend

Women United Scholars are offered a paid internship either at the Montessori Center of Minnesota or a local Montessori school. During the internship, *Women United Scholars* will be supported in developing skills working with children and build connections as a member of a professional community. The paid internship (\$20/hour and 20 hours/week) will be fulfilled in the morning before class. A living stipend is also offered to provide additional support.

Job Placement Support

Women United Scholars will be coached on securing employment as a Montessori teacher or assistant during the training year. After successfully completing the training course and earning an AMI diploma, *Women United Scholars* commit to being employed at a Montessori school in Minnesota for at least three-years. *Women United Scholars* will also be mentored by experienced Montessori teachers for the first three years post-training to help the new teacher successfully serve children.