

## 2020 FINANCIAL AID POLICY

The Montessori Institute of San Diego welcomes students from a variety of financial backgrounds. If you are a student seeking financial assistance, please note the following resources:

- Each course offers a variety of **payment plans**.
- We do accept **credit cards**.
- **Scholarship opportunities**
  - The **Dr. Silvia Dubovoy Scholarship Application** is available for download from our website. The application deadline is **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year. This is a merit-based scholarship for \$1,500 which takes into consideration demonstrated financial need as a secondary factor. All incoming MISD students (domestic and international) are eligible.
  - The **MES Fund** is a scholarship offered through AMI-USA for U.S. citizens or permanent residents. All students are encouraged to visit the AMI-USA website at [www.amiusa.org/financial-aid](http://www.amiusa.org/financial-aid) to see whether they qualify to apply. The application deadline is usually **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year in which your coursework begins. Awards are generally in the amount of \$500-\$5,000.
- **U.S. Federal Student Loans through Loyola:** Students who are simultaneously enrolled in an MISD AMI training course and the **Loyola University Maryland Master of Education** program are eligible to apply for federal student loans through Loyola to cover both the AMI training at MISD and the M.Ed. portion in residence in Maryland. Contact [Loyola University Maryland](http://Loyola University Maryland) for more information and to discuss citizenship requirements.
- **School sponsorship** is an excellent way to offset the cost of training. Students who have existing relationships with Montessori schools are encouraged to approach them to investigate the possibility of being sponsored by the school for training at MISD in exchange for an agreement to work for the school for a certain period of time. All sponsorship agreements are directly between the student and his or her sponsoring school. For those who do not have existing relationships with a school, AMI USA keeps a [list of schools](#) who seek to sponsor students. The following discounts apply to schools who pay MISD directly for a student's entire tuition:
  - **Discount Policy for Schools:** For schools sponsoring two or more students attending MISD AMI diploma programs starting in 2020, tuition is discounted by 5% for each student, beginning with the 2nd student. The discount is applied to the students with the lowest tuition. In order for a school to claim its discount, send an email to Fernando Castillo [fernando@misdami.org](mailto:fernando@misdami.org) with the names of the students the school is sponsoring, at least one month prior to the program start date.