

The Gifted Association of Missouri

Purpose

- To create an awareness among parents, educators and the general public of the characteristics, needs and educational requirements of the gifted and talented.
- To support the development and funding of programs for the gifted and talented.
- To share and disseminate information about existing local, state and national educational programs for the gifted and talented.
- To encourage research relating to the identification and education of gifted and talented children and to assist in the dissemination of the information obtained to educators and the public.

Membership Benefits

- Subscription to GAMbit
- Subscription to district newsletters and regional conference information
- Discount on registration for annual state conference (dues must be current to receive conference discount)
- Legislative updates
- Advocacy for full funding for gifted programs and advanced placement
- GAM web site
- Network on gifted and talented education

Future State Conferences on Gifted Education at Osage Beach

Be sure to attend our annual Conference on Gifted Education in October! Visit mogam.org for updated conference information.

Achievements, Affiliations and Special Services

The Gifted Association of Missouri:

- Supported the increase of state funding to its maximum of 75% for gifted education programs
- Advocated for, and was instrumental in, the founding and ongoing development of the Missouri Scholars Academy
- Yearly sponsors a guest artist at the Missouri Fine Arts Academy
- Advocated for and supported state certification for teachers of the gifted (mandatory as of September 1995)
- Co-sponsors the Annual Missouri State Conference on Gifted Education
- Publishes and makes available low-cost informational books and videotapes
- Conducts New Teachers Workshops for educators new to gifted education
- Sponsors activities that foster gifted awareness, i.e. Gifted Education Week
- Offers broad professional networking opportunities for educators and parents
- Has worked closely with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for more than 25 years
- Maintains membership in the National Association for Gifted Children and National Alliance of State Associations for the Gifted
- Provides educational scholarships to teachers in gifted education

Visit the GAM web site at mogam.org

Please help by donating to GAM Scholarship Fund.

GAM Membership Application

Yes, I want to become a GAM member.

- New Membership
- Membership Renewal, September 1 to August 31

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

School District _____

Missouri County _____ GAM District _____

e-mail address _____

Telephone Numbers:

Home (_____) _____

Work (_____) _____

Please check appropriate box:

- Parent/Guardian/Grandparent.....\$15
- Educator/Individual.....\$25
- Patron/Institutions.....\$55
- Sponsor.....\$105

I would like to donate to the GAM Scholarship Fund.

Amount enclosed.....\$ _____

(All donations are tax deductible)

I am a (n): (Please check all that apply)

- Teacher of Gifted Education
 Elementary Middle School High School
- Teacher in the Regular Classroom
 Elementary Middle School High School
- Administrator
- Parent
- Other. _____

Mail to: Gifted Association of Missouri
P.O. Box 1495, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Who Is the Gifted Child?

The Missouri state special education law (HB 474) enacted in 1973 defines gifted children as “those children who exhibit precocious development of mental capacity and learning potential as determined by competent professional evaluation to the extent that continued educational growth and stimulation could best be served by an academic environment beyond that offered through a standard grade level curriculum.”

- Section 162.675 RSMo

For information concerning gifted education, programs for the gifted, or gifted education teacher certification in Missouri, contact the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Gifted Education Office, 573-751-2453.

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