

## Membership Options

### Individual Membership — \$20 per year

Five MMSA newsletters, annual state conference discount, discount on all NMSA publications/video tapes and networking opportunities.

### Team Membership — \$50 per year

*(Teams may consist of three to six teachers)*

Two sets of newsletters, conference discount for each team member, and discount on all NMSA publications and networking services.

### Institutional Membership — \$150 per year

All institutional members will receive a discount on NMSA publications/video tapes, networking services, and four sets of newsletters. Conference discounts are also provided and a consultant directory, upon request.

### Dual Membership

Dual individual memberships with the National Middle School Association are also available.

## Membership Application

### Indicate Membership Type: (one year)

- Individual (\$20)    Team (\$50)  
 Institutional (\$150)    Student/Retired (\$12.00)  
No. of staff \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (check one:  work  home)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Check Position:

- Teacher    Administrator    Counselor  
 Parent    Student    Retired    Other  
 New Membership    Renewal

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To join MMSA, mail this application form and the membership fee payable to MMSA to:

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# An Invitation to Membership



*for those who care  
about students  
in the middle grades*

*Miracles Abound  
in Middle Level  
Education!*



## History of MMSA

The Minnesota Middle School Association was established in 1978 to serve as an educational resource for teachers, administrators, parents and community members who are concerned about the developmental needs of young adolescents in grades five through nine. The Association is governed by 24 members on the board of directors who represent eleven different regions around the state.

MMSA is a non-profit organization that extends its membership to anyone interested in a middle level education and dedicated to a responsive curriculum for the young adolescent.

As a MMSA member, you will have numerous opportunities to connect with other middle level professionals and community members.

## Annual State Conference

MMSA sponsors an annual state conference that presents a variety of middle level themes along with nationally known keynote speakers. Some of the topics presented include teaming, advisor-advisee, interdisciplinary units, cooperative learning, developmental issues and more. All conferences are advertised in the MMSA newsletters and on our Web site at [www.mmsa.info](http://www.mmsa.info) for dates, times and events. These conferences are inexpensive and a great way for administrators and staff development teams to promote middle level training and continuing education.

## Networking and Services for Those in the Middle

### Workshops and Inservices

MMSA is committed to helping you organize school-wide, district-wide or even region-wide inservices or workshops on a variety of middle level topics to meet your needs. Collaboration and networking are the keys to getting successful teams of speakers to your school who have experience in addressing components of middle level education. A consultant directory is available upon request to those who purchase an institutional membership. MMSA can also provide a list of successful middle level schools in the state that you may visit or call on for information to further strengthen your own school programs.

### Newsletters

Each member will receive five MMSA newsletters during the year that provide current information regarding middle level education. In the past, newsletters have featured articles from teachers, counselors, administrators and college professors who were willing to share their ideas, experiences and expertise. The newsletters will also keep you up-to-date on events around the state and country.

### Publications

MMSA members have the opportunity to order National Middle School publications and video tapes at a discounted price. MMSA has sold hundreds of NMSA publications to individual teachers, school libraries and other educational organizations. These publications are also available at the annual conference for your

convenience. All the publications are excellent resources that middle level educators should have for their own professional development. For further information regarding publications or materials, see the MMSA Web site ([www.mmsa.info](http://www.mmsa.info)).

### Recognition

MMSA recognizes individuals and teams of educators who have demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to quality education for young adolescents. The Coleen Yatcoske Award is presented to an exemplary middle level educator. Distinguished service awards are also presented to deserving members. The fall newsletter provides members with an application form to nominate an individual or team of teachers for recognition.

### Grants

\$500 mini-grants are available to middle level educators to encourage creative teaching and enrichment opportunities for students. Guidelines will be outlined in the fall newsletter or posted on our Web site at [www.mmsa.info](http://www.mmsa.info).

