

# Association of Missouri Interpreters



Inspiring outstanding  
achievement in natural and  
heritage interpretation in  
Missouri.



## AMI Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Unless otherwise noted, your AMIgo Newsletter  
will be sent to your email address.*

Are you a new member? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Are you a student? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Individual \$15.00 \_\_\_\_

Lifetime \$125.00 \_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Membership runs from  
September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the  
following year to coincide with the  
annual September Workshop.**

Make Checks payable to **AMI** and return to:

**AMI Treasurer  
C/O Phillip Brinkley  
Burr Oak Woods Nature Center  
1401 NW Park Road  
Blue Springs MO 64015**

**Association of Missouri Interpreters**  
Helping YOU make CONNECTIONS



## WHAT IS AMI?

The **Association of Missouri Interpreters** (AMI) is a professional, non-profit organization established to inspire and support the work of individuals and groups engaged in the art of interpretation. Those involved in interpretation are naturalists, tour guides, historians, volunteers, environmental educators, and zoo staff. Interpreters work in nature centers, historic sites, county & state parks, museums, schools, libraries and zoos across Missouri.



*Interpretation is a mission-based communication process which forges connections between the audience and the meanings inherent in the resource.*

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership is open to any person or organization with an interest in promoting the interpretation of Missouri's natural or cultural resources.

**AMigo** - the organization's newsletter is published 4 times a year. It features program tips, staff changes, interpretive site updates, new facilities, special events, and the annual conference information.



**AMI provides networking** - Members have opportunities to share a wide range of ideas and resources with professionals across the state.

**AMI Annual Conference** - Workshops and field sessions are offered during the annual conference for those interested in professional development. This gathering is held at a different location each year to allow easier access by members.

**AMI Interpretive Site Directory** - A listing of all of the interpretive sites, interpreters and AMI members in Missouri. The directory is updated annually.



**Internet Resource**  
Information about AMI can be accessed at:  
[www.mointerp.net](http://www.mointerp.net)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

AMI awards two undergraduate and one graduate scholarship to qualifying students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the state of Missouri. Scholarships include \$300 cash and expenses paid to attend the AMI annual conference.

## AWARDS

Presented at the annual AMI Conference, awards are given for outstanding interpretive work in areas of heritage and natural history.

**Outstanding Interpreter of the Year**  
Presented to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in the area of heritage or nature interpretation.

**Categories include:**

- Outstanding Professional Interpreter**
- Outstanding New Interpreter**
- Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer**
- Outstanding Interpretive Effort**
- Outstanding Media Interpretive Giant**
- Outstanding Service**



Scholarship and Awards nominations are due by July 15<sup>th</sup> each year. To request a scholarship application or to nominate an individual or group for an award contact:

AMI Awards Committee Chair  
Lee Wilbeck  
[lee.wilbeck@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:lee.wilbeck@dnr.mo.gov)