

# AIMMS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP Nomination Form



The **AIMMS Excellence Scholarship Awards** are part of the Excellence for Minority Achievement Awards, which were established in 1999 to inspire educators and the public in their efforts to enhance minority achievement as well as to reaffirm the tremendous potential of Maryland's minority students. The awards come under the authority of the **Achievement Initiative for Maryland's Minority Students (AIMMS) Council**, a council comprised of education, business, and civic leaders from throughout Maryland, and the **AIMMS Steering Committee**. The Steering Committee, on behalf of the **Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)**, serves as a vehicle for coordinating and maintaining assistance to MSDE and local school systems as those agencies take steps necessary to increase achievement among all students.

The **AIMMS Excellence Scholarships** recognize high school students who have demonstrated **academic success** as well as made **significant contributions** to better understanding and appreciation among diverse groups. Diverse groups include race/ethnicity, gender, age, disability, or poverty. All qualifying nominees will receive statewide recognition. Besides recognition, the awards, which are provided by corporate sponsors, consist of **\$500** scholarships to be given to **10** students selected from local school systems in Maryland. In addition, there is the **Barbara Dezmon Scholarship** of **\$1,000**, which is personally donated by Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick in recognition of Dr. Dezmon's contributions to the children of Maryland.

Students may nominate themselves for these awards. The awards are open to all students who are currently high school 12<sup>th</sup> graders. **To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must be a senior in a Maryland public high school with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average as of the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The student must also intend to pursue his or her education beyond high school at a postsecondary institution.** These institutions may include community colleges, universities, colleges, as well as technical, vocational, and other schools. **Also, the nominee must have demonstrated leadership in addressing diversity and helping others.**

The scholarships will be awarded at the annual statewide **Excellence for Minority Achievement Awards** celebration to be held on April 28, 2006.

**To nominate yourself for the AIMMS Excellence Scholarship, complete the nomination form\* on the other side of this sheet and provide the requested information by January 10, 2006.**

\*Additional nomination forms may be duplicated or downloaded from the MSDE website at [www.marylandpublicschools.org](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org) by going to Minority Achievement in Maryland and then clicking on "What's New."

# AIMMS Excellence Scholarship

**Directions:** Please follow the instructions below carefully. Make certain that you include all the information requested when you return your nomination form. **All nomination materials must be completed and submitted by January 10, 2006.** Scholarship recipients will be notified by January 27, 2006.

## Part I

School System: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Educational Intentions after High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II** Include your cover letter in which you introduce yourself and inform how being awarded this scholarship will help further your educational goals following high school graduation.

**Part III** Include a copy of your transcript or most recent report card showing your grade point average.

**Part IV** Include two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from an administrator, teacher, or counselor. The other letter must be from an individual or group outside the school. (Additional recommendation letters may also be submitted.)

**Part V** Submit an essay about your leadership in one or more of the following areas.

- Academic, school, or community support for diverse students
- Promotion of positive intergroup relations and understanding
- Performance of service(s) to increase success among diverse group(s) of students.

In your essay, be sure to discuss your contributions to others and how you have helped them.

**Please return this form and all necessary materials by January 10, 2006 to:**

*Mr. Woodrow Grant  
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200 West Baltimore Street  
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If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Grant at MSDE at 410-767-0425.