



AIMS
APPLICATION

*Aquidneck Island Multicultural
Scholarship*

INTRODUCTION

Salve Regina University and the Multicultural Affairs Council of Aquidneck Island have been committed to the educational advancement of multicultural students and students committed to diversity. Recipients of the Aquidneck Island Multicultural Scholarship (AIMS) have made many contributions to the Salve Regina community, the Aquidneck Island community, and their own local communities.

For over a decade, the AIMS selection committee has contributed to expanding the diversity and multicultural efforts on the Salve Regina University campus. Some of the founding members of the scholarship still serve on the selection board, showing the long term commitment to multiculturalism at Salve Regina. Traditionally, the AIMS Scholarship has been awarded annually to a resident of Aquidneck Island. In 2003, the scholarship selection committee decided to expand this commitment nationally and internationally by opening the scholarship to all qualified high school students.

The AIMS selection committee is dedicated to making a Salve Regina University education affordable and financially feasible. They are also dedicated to making the learning experience at Salve Regina well rounded, which can only be achieved by having a diverse student body with many different perspectives.

I'm interested in applying for the AIMS Scholarship, but am I eligible?

To be eligible for the AIMS Scholarship you must:

- Be a member of one of the four federally recognized minority groups (African American, Hispanic/Latino American, Asian American, and/or Native American), or a student that demonstrates a commitment to diversity and multiculturalism within their high school or local community.
- Gain admission to Salve Regina University.
- Demonstrate the academic potential for success.
- Have a demonstrated financial need.

How many scholarships are available?

The number of scholarships offered varies from year to year, depending on the availability of funds. In past years, Salve Regina University has selected several scholars per year. The selection process for the scholarship is competitive.

How do I apply?

- In addition to your undergraduate admission application to Salve Regina University, fill out the attached application and send to:
Salve Regina University
Attn: AIMS Scholarship Committee
100 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI 02840-4192
or fax to 401-848-2823
- Submit a response to the AIMS essay "Pay it Forward", your resume and a copy of your college admissions essay.
- International/Non U.S. Resident Students must submit the International Student Financial Aid Application in order for your AIMS Application to be complete.
- Fill out and submit all financial aid forms by **March 1, 2015**.

The deadline for the Aquidneck Island Multicultural Scholarship is March 1, 2015. Please be sure all materials are received by the deadline.

How much is the scholarship worth?

The Aquidneck Island Multicultural Scholarship is up to a standard full tuition grant. This grant is combined with all previously awarded merit scholarships, not to exceed full tuition. You may qualify for additional grants and loans to help meet room and board costs if you choose to live on campus.

Is the scholarship renewable?

Yes, AIMS scholars must remain in good academic standing; Full-time matriculated students are in Good Academic Standing when they earn semester and cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of at least 2.00 and successfully complete a minimum of 24 credits each year.

Scholars are also required to be a part of the AIMS Mentorship program. AIMS scholars are also strongly encouraged to help the Office of Admissions in all AIMS outreach programming.

Financial Aid Application Process

The Office of Financial Aid at Salve Regina University will review your financial status and, if additional need is determined, a financial aid package may be awarded to you. This financial aid package may include grants, loans, and/or work study. Financial aid applicants should complete and submit the following forms before March 1, 2015.

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- International students may be required to provide additional information. Please contact the Office of International Programs for more information at (401)341-2372.

Remember to apply for state scholarships/grants. Contact your state agency for specific requirements and deadlines. If you have further financial aid questions, please call the Office of Financial Aid at 401-341-2901.

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NAME _____ MALE/FEMALE _____
Last First Middle

MAILING ADDRESS _____
Number and Street

City State/Country Zip

TELEPHONE () CELL PHONE ()

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ HIGH SCHOOL CITY _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

Evaluation Criteria

Resume:

Please attach your resume, or a page which highlights your work experience, volunteer hours, or interests.

Admissions Essay:

Please attach a copy of your college admissions essay that you submitted to Salve Regina University.

Essay: "Pay it Forward"

(500 words or less)

When you "pay it forward," along with thanking someone for their gift, you pass along the kindness and spirit of that gesture to a new person or cause. How will you "pay forward" your experience and benefits received from being an AIMS scholar to others?

If you have questions regarding the AIMS Scholarship, contact:

aims@salve.edu or 888.GO.SALVE.

Reminder:

Your application must be received by March 1, 2015.

Deadlines are *very* important. Funds may not be available beyond the dates specified.

Please remember to send in all the necessary forms on time.

Signature _____ Date _____

My signature above indicates that all the information contained in this application is honestly presented.

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