



**Membership requested:** *(please check only one)*

- Associate School Membership: non-profit schools in states other than MD and DC
- Affiliate Organization: **non-profit organizations** other than schools
- Individual Member: available to individual representatives of schools, school systems or professional organizations not eligible for AIMS school membership

*\*See detailed information on each category on page 2 of this form.*

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact /Individual \_\_\_\_\_

School or individual address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ website \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (contact person listed) \_\_\_\_\_

**For individual membership**, please include position/title \_\_\_\_\_

For **Associate or Affiliate membership**, please submit proof of 501c3 status and complete the following **required** information:

Name of President/Head of School or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Chair Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of employees \_\_\_\_\_ Link to Board of Directors/Trustees list \_\_\_\_\_

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**Office use only:** Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## **AIMS Membership categories (from 2019 AIMS Constitution)**

This membership form is strictly for **Associate, Affiliate and Individual Membership applications.**

**AIMS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** - Associate membership is available to ***schools in states or jurisdictions other than Maryland and the District of Columbia*** which meet all other appropriate criteria for accredited membership (except 6 (C)) as set forth in the Constitution. Associate membership carries such rights, duties and privileges of membership as may be established from time to time by the Board of Trustees of AIMS, *except voting and except those relating to legislative and regulatory matters in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.*

**AIMS AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP:** Affiliate Membership is a category of membership that is available to ***other nonprofit organizations***. Each Affiliate Member must have *education as a significant element of its mission* and may not discriminate or carry on any activities which are unlawful, or which may subject the organization to the disapprobation of the public. The Association reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny membership to any organization which may tend to injure the good name of the Association, disturb its well-being, or hamper its work. The Association also reserves the right to terminate an affiliate member's membership in AIMS at any time and for any reason in AIMS' sole and absolute discretion, subject only to any limitations imposed by applicable law or regulation.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** - Individual membership is a special category designed for ***individual representatives of special education schools, or of school systems not eligible for AIMS membership, or of other professional organizations, who may wish to work with the association for the achievement of its purposes.*** Individual memberships carry such rights, duties and privileges of membership as may be established from time to time by the Board of Trustees of AIMS, *except voting and except for the ability to participate in any benefit programs sponsored by AIMS or the AIMS Benefit Trust or administered by EBS.*

## **Membership information**

**Full school membership application must be completed online at [www.aimsmddc.org](http://www.aimsmddc.org).**

***AIMS SCHOOL (ACCREDITED) MEMBERSHIP (application completed online) - Accredited membership is a full membership with such rights, duties and privileges of membership as may be established from time to time by the AIMS Board of Trustees, including voting, and is available to schools which have been in continuous operation for five years or more and are accredited by AIMS or an agency approved by the Board of Trustees of AIMS***

- All membership applications are **approved by the Board of Trustees.**
- Members are eligible to participate in professional development programs (at various cost levels based on membership type – pricing is listed on individual event pages).
- Voting and participation in any benefit programs through AIMS or EBS is based on membership type (see above).