



## **African American Male Initiative Membership Agreement Form**

### **What is AAMI?**

The African-American Male Initiative Program is dedicated to the success of African-American male students. The primary goal of the AAMI Program is to increase retention, progression, and graduation (RPG) rates of African-American male students attending the Valdosta State University.

Over the years, AAMI has proven to be effective in increasing RPG rates for African-American males. African-American males are enrolling at higher rates, and more of them are being retained beyond the first and second years of college. Data show students are able to progress and be retained if they are receiving the right support, utilizing available resources, and feel more connected to campus by being involved. AAMI provides the support needed while encouraging students to get involved on campus.

### **Why Join AAMI?**

*“Failure is not an option!” “Achievement!”* The African American Male Initiative’s primary goal is to make sure your academic career is a success. Our goal is to empower, support, and assist you in gaining your undergraduate degree in four years but no more than six years depending your major and class structure.

### **Benefits of Joining AAMI**

- Develop a strong rapport with fellow AAMI members, faculty, community leaders, student leaders, and staff
- Discover opportunities for campus involvement
- Network with administrators and faculty through AAMI activities and programming with departments and campus organizations
- Utilize campus resources such as academic tutoring, mentoring and professional development activities to make the most of their undergraduate experience
- Engage in research opportunities and leadership development
- Establish connections with peer and community mentors

### **AAMI Requirements:**

In order to be a member of the African American Male Initiative during the 2018-2019 academic year at Valdosta State University, you must be agree to the adhere to the following expectations:

1. Desire to be academically successfully throughout your tenure at VSU
2. Be comfortable in accepting responsibility for your choices in and outside of the classroom
3. Strive to align your personal and professional behavior to bettering yourself
4. Remain inclusive and express servant leadership as allies to traditionally oppressed communities
5. Encourage scholastic achievement, positive attitudes, and a genuine sense of belonging through personal and academic support
6. Maintain positive collaborative relationships with all VSU campus organizations
7. Establish multi-faceted professional skills
8. Be a positive representation of AAMI in and outside of the classroom
9. Be committed to achieving academic success
10. Attend weekly study halls
  - a. If any member misses more than three study halls in a semester, and does so without notifying the Program Director, Assist. Program Director, and the President via email, he will be stripped of his AAMI membership for the remainder of that semester.
11. Attend at least 1 community service event per month
12. Email the Membership Chair your class schedule
13. Receive no more than 5 absences in any course
14. Be willing to uplift fellow AAMI members at all times.
15. Be willing and consistent participant in developing AAMI events
16. Desire to be a positive representation of AAMI in and outside of the classroom
17. Have at least met a minimum of 30 contact hours for the entire academic year.

## AAMI INFORMATION FORM

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address (mailing/physical): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
4. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_
6. What recreational activities or student organizations do you participate in?  
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7. What other interests/hobbies do you have?  
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8. Why are you interested in becoming a part of the AAMI Program?  
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9. What is your strongest academic area? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is your weakest academic area? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are your academic goals for the year? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_
  - Targeted GPA \_\_\_\_\_
  - Target Graduation Date: Spring  Summer  Fall  (year) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Career Goals/Dream Job  
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**AMI Student Code of Conduct Fundamental Principles**

An AAMI participant shall:

- Have at least 30 contact hours for the semester (events, study halls, activities)
- Endeavor to reach his highest educational and professional potential and strive to encourage other participants to do the same.
- Regularly support and participate in AAMI’s four key components as developed by the campus director:

▪ Academic Skills	▪ Student Support Services
▪ Adult & Peer Mentoring	▪ Leadership Development

- Take seriously his course of study, attend class regularly, complete all assignments, and be prepared for all tests.
- Dress appropriately for the activities in which one is engaged.
- Maintain high standards of personal conduct, legal and ethical behavior and integrity.
- Treat all persons with dignity and respect.
- Avoid violation of the institution’s Student Code of Conduct and any intentional violation of local, state, or federal laws.
- Avoid use of profanity, drugs, alcohol, firearms and or any other instrument of harm while participating in any AAMI activities.
- Report wrongdoings to the proper authorities and refrain from retaliating against those who make a report.

Please Sign & Date Below

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree to abide, perform, and execute the responsibilities of being a member of AAMI at Valdosta State University. I recognize that I am in a privileged position and I will allow myself to be challenged, while academically supported during my educational journey.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Violations of this policy *may* result in suspension and/or termination from the AAMI program.