

We are looking for volunteers for the *5th Annual Robert S. Shumake Scholarship Relays* to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 25, 2009** located at **Renaissance High School, 6565 W. Outer Drive in Detroit, Michigan.**

We will need volunteers to work one of two shifts either from 7:30AM to 12:30PM or 12:30PM to 5:30PM. The volunteers will assist with the meet management (i.e. assigned to various track events, etc.). I would need the names of the individuals who will serve as volunteers sent faxed to 248 -281-1775 **by Monday, April 6, 2009**. Please distribute the volunteer reply sheet indicating name and shift preference for the volunteer.

This competition materialized from the vision of Mr. Robert S. Shumake, a Detroit business owner who attributes his success to both his education at Edwin Denby High School and the critical skills he developed there as a student athlete on the track and field team. He was able to apply discipline, dedication, perseverance and teamwork to his business pursuits to realize his goals. Mr. Shumake desires to give back to his community and to assist Michigan student athletes. Since, 2005 annual meet in 2005 over 5,000 athletes (boys and girls) have participated in this track and field event.

What makes the Robert S. Shumake Scholarship Relays different from other prominent track and field competitions is its dual focus on academic *and* athletic achievement. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the schools of the teams with the three highest overall scores from the athletic events. In addition, the girl and boy with the highest grade point average from each team will receive a special award. All students that attend schools that register and participate in the Robert S. Shumake Scholarship Relays held on **April 25, 2009** will be eligible to apply for scholarship awards up to \$2,500. *Each student must write a 250-word essay on the importance of HOME OWNERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, and EDUCATION.*

We are looking forward to seeing you on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** for what promises to be an exciting and rewarding event. The Robert S. Shumake Scholarship Relays is a wonderful community event that helps young people realize their goals. Thank you in advance for your support. For more information call 248-443-0939

Sincerely,

*Nikita McCalister*

Volunteer Coordinator, Robert S. Shumake Scholarship Relays