



Atlanta Jamaican Association Inc.

P.O. Box 2207 Lithonia, GA 30058

www.ajaatlanta.org

March 22, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are requesting your assistance in distributing the enclosed information that invites students to apply for Scholarships which are offered by the Atlanta Jamaican Association (AJA).

The AJA is a non-profit Organization that was founded in 1977 to promote friendship, unity, and understanding between the peoples of Jamaica and the United States. As part of this effort, a scholarship program was established to assist college-bound high school and undergraduate students of Jamaican ancestry.

To qualify for financial assistance, each candidate is required to submit an application as well as an essay on a selected topic of relevance to Jamaica. The following prompt is the topic for this year:

Crime in Jamaica has become an increasingly serious concern to Jamaicans both at home and overseas. Discuss some of the social, political and historical factors that have contributed to this problem.

Essays and other application materials will be assessed and the most impressive applicants will be invited to an interview with members of the AJA Education Committee. Award recipients will be notified by the middle of July.

The Application form, Agreement (both attached), Transcript, and Essay should be mailed (postmarked) no **later than May 15, 2010** to the following address:

**Scholarship Committee
Atlanta Jamaican Association
P.O. Box 2207
Lithonia, GA 30058**

Thanks for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Robert Infantry
Education Committee Chairperson



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ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone () _____

Birthplace _____ Age _____

Mother's Name _____ Mother's Birthplace _____

Father's Name _____ Father's Birthplace _____

High School _____ University/College _____

Date of Admission _____ Planned Course of Study _____

Incoming Freshman _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Extra-curricular Activities _____

Office held or special responsibilities _____

Scholarships, distinctions and /or honors _____

Community activities _____

Personal and career goals _____

Write at least one paragraph stating why you need this scholarship (Use additional paper if needed) _____

ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



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General Information for Applicants

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy requirements (a) or (b) and **must** also satisfy (c), (d), and (e) below:

- (a) Be of Jamaican parentage. **At least one parent must be Jamaican.**
College-Bound High School or Undergraduate Student.
- (b) Jamaican students currently attending university on a visa, and who are in good academic standing with their institution(s) are eligible and are encouraged to apply.
- (c) Hold a minimum of 3.0 Grade Point Average or equivalent.
- (d) Not be the recipient of a full scholarship to a college or university.
- (e) Write an essay with a minimum of 500 words on the topic below.

ESSAY TOPIC

Crime in Jamaica has become an increasingly serious concern to Jamaicans both at home and overseas. Discuss some of the social, political and historical factors that have contributed to this problem.

1. The essays must be typed, double-spaced and have a minimum of 500 words.
2. The title of the essay must be stated on a cover sheet.
3. The applicant's name, school, affiliations or any other identification information must be listed on the accompanying Application Form **ONLY**.
4. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.** Students whose names or affiliations appear in any form on the essay will be disqualified.
5. Each scholarship applicant must **submit Essay, completed Application Form, signed Agreement, copy of Transcript and self-addressed envelope by the deadline.**

DEADLINE All material should be sent to the Scholarship Committee, **postmarked no later than May 15, 2010.** Submissions should be mailed First Class in a 9X12 envelope to:



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If there are any questions, please call (678) 591-4408.

All information supplied will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of this scholarship. All material supplied in relation to this scholarship will become the property of the Atlanta Jamaican Association. The Association reserves the right to publish or dispose of such material in the manner that it chooses. The Atlanta Jamaican Association reserves the right to revise the rules for the scholarship if the Association finds it necessary. Students should not apply unless they meet the requirements that are listed above.

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AGREEMENT



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In applying for this scholarship, I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, practices and policies of the Atlanta Jamaican Association that govern this scholarship.

I further agree to accept the decision of the judges as final.

I authorize the Atlanta Jamaican Association to verify the information supplied with this application.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____