



ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 2207, Lithonia, GA 30058

March 11, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam:

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

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 in their educational pursuits.

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. This year's topic is: ***“How can Information Technology help Jamaica become competitive in a global economy?”*** Essays will be scored by an independent panel of judges, which includes college professors and high school educators in the Metropolitan Atlanta area. Subsequently, authors of those essays receiving the most meritorious scores will be invited to a face-to-face interview with members of the AJA Education Committee. The award recipients will be notified by July 15, 2016. The formal presentation will take place at the Annual Jamaica Independence Ball on Saturday August 13, 2016. Involvement in school and community activities, academic ability and financial need will be factors in the selection of the recipients.

The Application form, Agreement (both attached), Transcript, and 2 copies of your Essay should be mailed (postmarked) no **later than April 30, 2016 to:**

**Scholarship Committee
Atlanta Jamaican Association
P.O. Box 1441
Redan, GA 30074**

Thanks for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Ricketts
Chair, Education Committee



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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) _____



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**ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
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 of approximately 500 words on the topic below.

ESSAY TOPIC

How can Information Technology help Jamaica become competitive in a global economy?

- 1. All essays must be typed, double-spaced and be approximately 500 words in length.
- 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 NAME ON ESSAY.** Students whose names or affiliations appear in any form on the essay will be disqualified.



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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 returned to the Scholarship Committee, **postmarked no later than April 30, 2004.** Submissions must be mailed First Class in a 9X12 envelope to:

**Scholarship Committee
Atlanta Jamaican Association
P.O. Box 1441
Redan, Georgia 30074**

If there are any questions the number to call is (404) 374-7966.

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 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 listed above.



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**ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION AWARD
AGREEMENT**

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 any or all of the information supplied with this application.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____