



THE ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION, Inc.
P. O. Box 2207, Lithonia, GA 30058
<https://www.atlantajamaicanassociation.org>

February 24, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are requesting your assistance in distributing the information below inviting graduating high school students to apply for scholarship awards offered by The Atlanta Jamaican Association, Inc. (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 students of Jamaican ancestry in the first year of their higher educational pursuits.

Only students with financial needs will be considered. Candidates are required to submit an application as well as a Curriculum Vita (Resume) to qualify for the scholarship. This includes writing a one-page essay from a list of topics provided by the Education committee. Members of the AJA Education Committee will conduct a virtual interview with students who were shortlisted per their application and CV on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**. Involvement in school and community activities and academic ability will be additional factors in the selection of the recipients. The committee will notify successful candidates by the end of May 2023. The formal presentation will take place at the Annual AJA Independence Ball and Scholarship Awards in Atlanta on **Saturday, August 12, 2023**.

The completed application form and agreement, transcript, and Curriculum Vitae should be emailed no later than **April 29, 2023** to ed@atlantajamaicanassociation.org. Please send all required documents in one message with the subject line, **AJA Scholarship 2023, [First Name, Last Name]**.

Thanks for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

AJA Education Committee
Email: ed@atlantajamaicanassociation.org



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THE ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

General Information for Applicants

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy all requirements below:

- (1) An incoming first year student
 - **At least one parent/guardian must be of Jamaican heritage.**
 - **Students applying from Jamaica can either be accepted to attend college or university in Jamaica or overseas with the requisite visa.**
- (2) Establish financial need.
- (3) Hold a minimum of 3.5 Grade Point Average or equivalent.
- (4) Provide proof of college acceptance.
- (5) **Submit completed Application Form, signed Agreement, copy of Transcript, and curriculum vitae by the deadline date.**

DEADLINE All materials should be emailed to the Scholarship Committee, **no later than April 29, 2023:**

AJA Education Committee: ed@atlantajamaicanassociation.org



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**THE ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION, Inc.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ 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 _____

Additional information:

Write at least one paragraph outlining your financial NEEDS and how you plan to apply this scholarship if awarded. Use additional page if necessary.

Office held or special responsibilities:

Scholarships, distinctions and /or honors:



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Community activities:

Personal and career goals:

Extra-curricular Activities:

Please write a one-page essay on one of the following two topics.



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1. **What does your Jamaican heritage mean to you?**
2. **Which Jamaican - living or dead - captivates you most? Why?**



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THE ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION, Inc. AWARD AGREEMENT

In applying for this scholarship, I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, practices, and policies of The Atlanta Jamaican Association, Inc. that govern this award. I also agree to serve as a Youth Ambassador for the AJA for a minimum of 1 year. In this capacity, I will help the AJA further their cause by including young people and helping with social media outreach.

- **I further agree to accept the decision of the judges as final.**
- **I agree that all funds received from the Association will be used for educational purposes.**
- **I authorize The Atlanta Jamaican Association, Inc. to verify any or all of the information supplied with this application.**

Your signature also gives us permission to use your name, photographs, and/or application in any AJA's media or materials without compensation. AJA may use applicant materials to advertise and promote the Scholarship Program and to raise additional funds.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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