

UNION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS (USA), INC.

27th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION RULES

Eligibility All 2017 United States High School graduates of Jamaican parentage.

Essay topic **Pride of Jamaica: How Jamaicans have Impacted the United States of America**
Many Jamaicans have made considerable contributions to the United States in areas such as Science & Technology, Medicine, Education, the Military, Entertainment, Politics, and Literature. Select one of these areas and discuss an individual in Jamaica or the United States who has made an impact and why Jamaicans in the Diaspora and in Jamaica should be proud of the person's accomplishments. (*Please note that the following are not to be considered – Marcus Garvey, Bob Marley and Usain Bolt*).

Requirements

- One entry per student,
- Essay must be typed, double spaced and not exceed 5 pages; minimum 500 words.
- Each page must be numbered.
- Essay must have a cover page containing the title, the student's name, and notarized confirming originality.
- Where applicable, footnotes and bibliography must be included in an appendix to the essay.
- Each entry must be submitted with an ESSAY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM
- Finalists must be prepared to be interviewed by the judges.
- Essay entry must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2017** and mailed to:

UJAA (USA), Inc.
2017 Essay Competition
1452 President Street
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Or emailed to HSGAwards@ujaausa.org

For information, please call: **917-523-5887**

Judging	<u>General Merit</u>	<u>Mechanics</u>	<u>General Effect</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ideas• Organization• Wording• Flavor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usage• Punctuation• Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written presentation

Prizes	GRAND PRIZE	-	A trip for 2 to Jamaica **
	● 1 st	-	\$500
	● 2 nd	-	\$300
	● 3 rd	-	\$200
	● 4 th	-	\$100
	● Several consolation prizes		

** Not including taxes or upgrade

All decisions by the judges will be final.

UJAA (USA), Inc. reserves the right not to award a prize at any level.

THE AWARDS CEREMONY IS:

Monday, June 26, 2017, 6:00 pm

Medgar Evers College – Edison O. Jackson Auditorium: 1638 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225