



# UNION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS (USA), INC.

## 28th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION RULES

**Eligibility** All 2018 United States High School graduates of Jamaican parentage.

**Essay topic** Being of Jamaican heritage and living in the United States of America provides a unique perspective of cultures and history. What would you say is the best of both worlds?

*The essay must include a comparison of culture and history, how and why you would embrace your choice, and what would your generation do to support that choice..*

**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, 2018** and mailed to:

**UJAA (USA), Inc.  
 2018 Essay Competition  
 1452 President Street  
 Brooklyn, NY 11213**

Or emailed to [HSGAwards@ujaausa.org](mailto:HSGAwards@ujaausa.org)

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

**Judging**

General Merit

- Ideas
- Organization
- Wording
- Flavor

Mechanics

- Usage
- Punctuation
- Spelling

General Effect

- Written presentation

**Prizes**

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| <b>GRAND PRIZE</b>           | - | A trip for 2 to Jamaica ** |
| • 1 <sup>st</sup>            | - | \$500                      |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup>            | - | \$300                      |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup>            | - | \$200                      |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup>            | - | \$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 25, 2018, 6:00 pm**

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