UNION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS (USA) INC.

34th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION RULES

Eligibility All 2024 United States High School graduates of Jamaican heritage.

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.
• 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/mailed no later than June 1, 2024 and mailed to:
  UJAA (USA), Inc.
  2024 Essay Competition
  229-19 Merrick Boulevard, #141
  Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

Or emailed to HSGAwards@ujaausa.org
For information, please call: 917-523-5887 or 516-713-8270

Judging

General Merit
• Ideas
• Organization
• Wording
• Flavor

Mechanics
• Usage
• Punctuation
• Spelling

General Effect
• Written presentation

Prizes

GRAND PRIZE -
A trip for 2 to Jamaica (upgrade not included)

• 1st - $500
• 2nd - $300
• 3rd - $200
• 4th - $100
• Several consolation prizes

All decisions by the judges will be final.
UJAA (USA), Inc. reserves the right not to award a prize at any level.

THE VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON:
Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00PM
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