



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

### **34<sup>th</sup> 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/emailed 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](mailto:HSGAwards@ujaausa.org)

For information, please call: **917-523-5887** or **516-713-8270**

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

**Prizes**

<b>GRAND PRIZE</b>	-	A trip for 2 to Jamaica ( <i>upgrade not included</i> )
• 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	\$500
• 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	\$300
• 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	\$200
• 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	\$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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