



UNION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS (USA) INC.

35th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION RULES

Eligibility All 2025 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, 2025** and mailed to:

**UJAA (USA), Inc.
2025 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

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| GRAND PRIZE | - | A trip for 2 to Jamaica (<i>upgrade not included</i>) |
| • 1 st | - | \$500 |
| • 2 nd | - | \$300 |
| • 3 rd | - | \$200 |
| • 4 th | - | \$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 23, 2025 at 7:00PM

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