



The Jamaican American Association of Northern California SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

PURPOSE:

The Jamaica American Association of Northern California (JAANC) awards scholarships based on financial need for tuition, books and/or living expenses. Awards are made annually to high school students enrolled in a high school in Jamaica or to students enrolled in a College or University in the United States.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS WHO RESIDE IN JAMAICA

- Application will not be accepted from individual students.
- Annually the Executive Board of JAANC will select one high school in Jamaica from which a student will be identified by the Principal based on need for a scholarship award. The amount of the award is determined by the JAANC Board.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS WHO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- Applicants must be residents of the United States, born in Jamaica or the descendant of at least one Jamaican parent. Preference will be given to applicants who are members of JAANC, or relatives of JAANC members. *JAANC Board members or JAANC members who are related to an applicant will not be allowed to participate in the review, evaluation and determination of scholarship awardees during the year that he / she applies.*
- Applicants must be part-time or full-time students enrolled at an undergraduate or graduate school anywhere in the United States with a G.P.A of at least 3.0.
- Two letters of recommendation must be submitted, one of which must be from a person familiar with the applicant's academic record.
- Review the "Application Checklist" for additional requirements.

Applications must be submitted by May 31st (postmark deadline) of each year and mailed to:

**The Scholarship Committee Chairperson
The Jamaican American Association of Northern California
810 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94607**

Applications submitted via express service will not be reviewed.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The deadline for the application is May 31st each year. PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Due to the volume of applications, JAANC cannot confirm receipt of your application. If a confirmation is desired, a stamped, self addressed postcard must be submitted with application.

Names of selected applicants will be posted at the website www.jaanc.org by 1 September of each year and funds disbursed by 30 September.



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Application Checklist

(Include a completed checklist with your application)

Completed applications should be mailed to 810 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94607

- Personal Information Data Sheet (form included)
- Education Data Sheet (form included)
- Financial Data Sheet (form included)
- List of activities, awards, offices, job experience etc. (form included or attach resume)
- Personal Statement, a narrative of 1-2 pages explaining your academic and career goals (attach)
- Academic Transcript/Record (attach)
- First Recommendation Letter - Name _____ (attach)
- Second Recommendation Letter - Name _____ (attach)
- Proof of School Acceptance/Enrollment (attach)
- Student Visa (attach copy) *Required for foreign students studying in the United States-*
- Passport size photo (optional)
Photos will be used for publicity only. Submitting a photo automatically authorizes JAANC to reprint the photo. Failure to submit a photo will not have any effect on the application selection process.
- Certification (read and sign below)
In submitting this application, I agree to allow the Jamaican American Association of Northern California Scholarship Committee to review my application and all supporting documents. I certify that all the information included in this application is true and accurate and agree to provide proof of the information I have given, if requested. I also understand that falsification of any information provided will result in the immediate termination of my application.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date _____