



PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2017

The Prime Minister of Jamaica, The Most Honourable Andrew Michael Holness, O.N., M.P., is pleased to invite all eligible young persons from members of the public to be nominated for the Prime Minister's National Youth Award for Excellence.

BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's National Youth Awards for Excellence is open to all Jamaican nationals between 15-29 years old, who are living in Jamaica and the Diaspora, and who have attained excellence and world class achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

- a) Be a Jamaican national (including those living overseas)
- b) Must be born between January 1, 1988 and December 31, 2002.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Nominators are required to complete the attached Nomination Form;
- b) Nominations should include certified copies of all relevant information including proof of achievements, certificates, awards etc.,
- c) All shortlisted nominees who are residents in Jamaica must attend an interview at a date to be announced. Interviews for overseas-based nominees will be done via video-conference.
- d) Short-listed nominees must present the following on the day of the interview:
 - i. Certified copies of birth, examination certificates, transcripts or proof of achievements, and any other requested documents;
 - ii. Identification Card;
 - iii. Two (2) references (one professional or academic reference and one character reference)
- e) The Prime Minister's National Youth Awards Selection Committee reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the disbursement of awards to nominees.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION:
AUGUST 31, 2017 at 5 P.M.**

COLLECTION & SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Nomination forms may be collected from, and submitted to:

- a) **The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information** (Youth and Adolescents Policy Division, 4-6 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 5);
- b) Youth Information Centres and Youth Access Points across the island:
 - i. **Kingston & St. Andrew:** Youth & Adolescents Policy Division, MOEYI, 4-6 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 5
Tel: 978 7881/5347, 978 7654.
 - ii. **Portland:** Portland Youth Information Centre, 2a West Palm, Port Antonio
Tel: 715 4364,
 - iii. **St. Thomas:** Paul Bogle High School
Tel: 734 2490
 - iv. **St. Mary:** St. Mary Youth Information Centre, 5 Hodgson Street, Port Maria
Tel: 994 2306, 725 0312
 - v. **St. Ann:** Marcus Garvey Building, 2 Owen Sound Drive, St. Ann's Bay
Tel: 972 9536, 972 2476
 - vi. **Trelawny:** Albert Town and Falmouth SDC Offices. Tel: 367 3183, 433 8910
 - vii. **St. James:** 1 Humber Avenue, Montego Bay.
Tel: 952 3034, 979 5435
 - viii. **Hanover:** Watson Taylor Park, Lucea.
Tel: 956 3428.
 - ix. **Westmoreland:** Lot 190 Llandilo Phase 1, Llandilo, Savanna-La-Mar
Tel: 955 3704, 918 0377
 - x. **St. Elizabeth:** Santa Cruz Community Centre, Centre Road, Santa Cruz
Tel: 966 3719
 - xi. **Manchester.** Manchester YIC, Wint Road, Mandeville
Tel: 962 1767
 - xii. **Clarendon:** 7-9 Trenton Road, May Pen
Tel: 902 5608
 - xiii. **St. Catherine:** 42 Young Street, Spanish Town.
Tel: 998 8038
 - xiv. **Portmore:** Edgewater Roundabout, Portmore.
Tel: 998 8038

Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the following Government of Jamaica websites:

- i. www.youthjamaica.com
- ii. www.heart-nta.gov.jm
- iii. www.opm.gov.jm
- iv. www.moey.gov.jm

For further information, please visit:

www.youthjamaica.com,

Telephone: (876) 978 7654 / (876) 978 5347 or email: info@youthjamaica.com

AWARD CRITERIA

The Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Michael Holness, O.N., M.P., is inviting nominations for the Prime Minister's National Youth Awards for Excellence in the following categories:

1. AGRICULTURE & AGRO-PROCESSING

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of agriculture, S/he must:

- Own and operate an agro-business endeavour which incorporates the use of new technology in agricultural production **AND/OR**
- Have advanced scientific research in agriculture **AND/OR**
- Developed a new product or technology related to agriculture.

2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP / SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The nominee must be distinguished as an emerging youth entrepreneur. S/he must:

- Operate a profitable, registered business venture;
- Generate levels of direct and indirect employment; **AND/OR**
- Operate a social enterprise that has contributed significant social and economic value at the community and/or national level.

3. JOURNALISM / E-JOURNALISM

The nominee should have produced a high standard of journalism. S/he must:

- Have consistently produced high quality and in-depth coverage of national, regional or international issues;
- Have produced a body of work which has had national impact, and/or led to the resolution of a situation or improvement in the well being of people involved;
- Have received a regional or international award in recognition of his/her journalistic endeavours.

4. ARTS AND CULTURE

The nominee must have proven him/herself to be outstanding in the visual, performing, literary or culinary arts or culture. S/he must:

- Have gained international recognition, evidenced by competition results, international reviews or international chart standings;
- Have participated in a minimum of two critically acclaimed exhibitions or productions.

5. LEADERSHIP

The nominee should have consistently demonstrated leadership qualities at a world class level S/he must:

- Have a national/international leadership profile;
- Have made significant impact during his/her tenure;
- Demonstrate an active leadership history at the local, national or international level;
- Served at the specified level for a minimum of three years.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The individual or youth organisation should consistently lead or be engaged in a high level of environmental advocacy and initiatives. Nominees must:

- Have proven him/herself to be an influential and effective environmental steward/leader;
- Have gained international/national recognition as an environmental advocate.

*For organisations, a minimum of 80% of the membership should be 29 years old or under.

7. SPORTS

The nominee must have achieved significant success at the Junior or Senior level in his/her sport. S/he or the team must:

- Have performed meritoriously at the junior and/or senior level in international competition; **AND/OR**
- Have attained a consistent world ranking (1-10) in his/her sport; **AND/OR**
- Have achieved a world-leading performance.

8. JAMAICA 55 SPECIAL AWARD

The nominee must have demonstrated outstanding and consistent voluntary service relevant to the development of youth and their community. S/he must:

- Have positively impacted youth at a national or community level;
- Have consistently served voluntarily over at least a 3-year period;
- Have given service which is not related to mandatory obligations for work or school.

9. ACADEMICS

The nominee must display outstanding academic achievement in their field of study. S/he must:

- Achieved a top three regional ranking at CAPE and CSEC levels **AND/OR**
- Have completed a Bachelor Degree and attained a First Class Honours and maintained an A+ academic average throughout the course of study.
- Post-graduate nominees must have completed a thesis with distinction and/or published in an internationally recognised journal.

10. INNOVATION IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The nominee must have distinguished him/herself in the field of Science and Technology. S/he must have:

- Proven to be innovative in providing a scientific or technological solution to a problem;
- Gained national/international recognition in the field and/or participated in a minimum of two critically acclaimed exhibitions;
- Advanced research in science and/or technology.

11. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The individual or organisation must:

- Have been involved in youth work for over a period of five years;
- Have significantly impacted youth from one of the priority groups of the National Youth Policy;
- Be able to demonstrate that their work has been acknowledged as a best practice.

12. INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The nominee should have achieved international recognition in a field other than the previously listed categories. S/he must:

- Have gained international top 10 world ranking or recognition in a field other than the above-mentioned categories.

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NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be completed by the nominator. Please write clearly or type and tick where appropriate.

1. INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE

Title (Mr/Miss/Mrs./Dr.) First Name: _____, Middle Name: _____, Surname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment/Current School: _____

Address of Employer/School: _____

Employer/School Telephone Number: _____

2. AWARD CATEGORY

- Agriculture & Agro-processing Environmental Protection International Achievement Sports
 Arts & Culture Entrepreneurship & Social Enterprise Jamaica 55 Special Award Leadership
 Journalism/E-Journalism Innovation in Science & Technology Academics Youth Development

3. INFORMATION ON THE NOMINATOR

Title (Mr/Miss/Mrs./Dr.) First Name: _____, Middle Name: _____, Surname: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Next of Kin (for nominator): _____; Relation _____; Telephone: _____

Address of Next of Kin: _____

4. REFEREES:

A. (Professional Reference) Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

B. (Character Reference) Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Date of Receipt of Nomination Form: _____; Time: _____

Name of Certifying Officer: _____, Title: _____

Signature: _____

PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2017: NOMINATION FORM RECEIPT

Submitted by: _____; Date of Submission: _____; Time: _____

Name of Certifying Officer: _____, Title: _____

Signature of Certifying Officer: _____

A. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

TERTIARY				
Institution	Programme of Study	Level	Grade	Year

SECONDARY			
School	Level	Subject(s)	Grade

B. DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE BEING MADE:

C. LIST OF OTHER AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

D. DESCRIPTION OF CONTRIBUTION/RESULTS/IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY AND NATION BUILDING:

E. DESCRIPTION OF YOUTH CLUB INVOLVEMENT:

F. NEXT OF KIN OF NOMINEE:

Name: _____ ; Relation: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ ; Email: _____

G. LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED:



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