



JAMAICA UNITED RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.

HAITIAN DIASPORA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The HAITIAN DIASPORA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP is an award of up to US\$2,000.00, issued consecutively for three years, to an individual student who is pursuing secondary education or above. The scholarship will be awarded annually at the organization's main fundraising event, the Jamaica independence celebration gala.

The selection process will be conducted by JURA's Scholarship Selection Committee hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship Selection Committee. The words applicant, recipient or student may be used interchangeably.

These independent awards are determined and made based on funds availability to students who can establish certain needs and proven abilities.

Criteria

1. Recipient will be a student currently enrolled in a secondary education institution in or who has graduated not longer than the previous twelve months and may be granted to student seeking to study abroad.
2. Applicant must provide the Scholarship Selection Committee with verifiable evidence of need for financial assistance.
3. Applicant must provide the Scholarships Selection Committee with an official copy of academic records with a GPA of 3.0 or greater; or for non-U.S. institutions, a grade "B" or higher.
4. Student must be enrolled in a secondary institution or is a graduate of a secondary institution for a period of not greater than twelve months.
5. Student must not recently have been awarded or is a recipient of any other JURA scholarships or financial educational awards within the previous 24 months.
6. Recipient will have completed a JURA Scholarship Application package in full and satisfy the minimum written requirement of an essay in 250 words minimum on **the importance of giving back to the community**.
7. Applicant must have been actively involved in a verifiable community service program or be an active member of a community service organization for the previous 12 calendar months.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Given on the basis of academic achievement and established need:
 - Student must have not less than a 3.0 GPA or a grade "B" or higher in previous college courses.
 - Student must demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship.
 - Student must be selected from the Haitian Diaspora.
3. Student must be actively involved in community service.
4. Student must complete and submit the scholarship application package.
4. Applicant will be required to provide two references; one from the institution of learning currently or previously attended and the other from the organization at which community service is being done.

The HAITIAN DIASPORA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP, up to an amount of **Two Thousand Dollars (US\$2,000.00)** per award, may be used for payment of tuition and fees, student supplies, textbooks or any other study related items.

Process

1. Recipient must submit a completed application to JURA's Scholarship Selection Committee
2. Application will be reviewed by Scholarships Selection Committee and obtain a unanimous vote from the Five (5) member JURA Scholarships Selection Committee. The final applicant will be selected based on having scored the highest number of points based on donor-established criteria.
3. JURA's Scholarships Committee will make the recommendation to JURA's Executive Board, who will make the final decision and award, based on majority vote of the members present. No proxy vote shall constitute a valid vote for this award procedure.
4. The JURA Scholarship Committee will prescribe pre-determined numerical weights to the above criteria, in order to ensure fairness and objectivity.
5. The candidate selection will be made within 45 calendar days of the close of the application deadline.

Administration

1. The JURA Scholarship Committee shall comprise five (5) members; three of which are current active JURA members and the other two will hold a non-member capacity.
2. The JURA Executive Committee, headed by the President, shall (1) announce the award to the recipient(s) and (2) notify the award to major contributors of the Scholarship fund within thirty (30) days of the award.
3. Selection results and awardees will be published on JURA's website and or newsletter.

**** Closing date for this scholarship is June 30.

To apply for the HAITIAN DIASPORA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP, a completed application form should be downloaded from our website, completed and mailed to:

Jamaica United Relief Association

Scholarship Selection Committee

**5100 Jefferson Street,
Hollywood, Florida 33021**

Alternatively

The completed application may be scanned and emailed to: infor@jurainc.org