



JAMAICA UNITED RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.

JOAN SEAGA-GONZALEZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AND CULTURE

The JOAN SEAGA-GONZALEZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AND CULTURE 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 in the arts. 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 or 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 secondary school 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 as a senior in a secondary education institution or is a graduate of a secondary education institution for a period not greater than twelve months.
5. Student must not have been a recipient of any other JURA scholarships or financial educational awards within the past 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 the Arts as an educational tool.
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" in high school or previous college courses.
 - Student must demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship.
 - Student must be enrolled or pursuing a major in the discipline of the Arts.
2. Student must not be a recipient of a prior JURA scholarship within the previous 24 months.
3. Student must have completed 200 or more community service hours in the previous 24 months.
4. Student must complete and submit the scholarship application package.
5. 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 **Joan Seaga-Gonzalez Scholarship for Excellence in Arts and Culture**, in the amount of **Two Thousand Dollars (US\$2,000.00)** 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 package 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 must be selected as (1) the most deserving, and (2) based on donor-established criteria, if award is made directly from donor contributions.
3. JURA 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 no later than 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. JURA's Executive Committee shall announce the award to the recipient(s) and notify all contributors of the Scholarship fund within thirty (30) days of the selection.
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 **Joan Seaga-Gonzalez Scholarship for Excellence in Arts and Culture**, 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