



## JAMAICA UNITED RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.

### PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jamaica United Relief Association's Presidential 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 here in after 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 pursuing a program in 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 be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee to be in need of 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, an average grade of "B" or higher.
4. Student must be enrolled as a senior in a secondary institution or is a graduate of a secondary institution for a period not greater than twelve months.
5. Student must not currently have been awarded or is a recipient of any other JURA scholarships or financial educational awards.
6. Recipient will have completed a JURA Scholarship Application in full and satisfy the minimum written requirements of an essay in 250 words minimum, explaining why he or she should be considered.
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. Award is 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 high school or college courses.
  - Student must demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship.
  - Student may reside in Jamaica.
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 **Jura Presidential Scholarship**, up to an amount of **Two Thousand Dollars (US\$2,000.00)** per award, may be used for payments 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 the 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 in keeping with donor-established criteria.
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 within 45 calendar days of the close of the application deadline.

## **Administration**

1. The Scholarship Selection 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 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 **Jura Presidential 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](mailto:infor@jurainc.org)**