



Ministry of
Education, Skills,
Youth & Information



THE PRIME MINISTER'S
**NATIONAL
YOUTH AWARDS**
FOR EXCELLENCE





BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

To be considered eligible, a nominee must:

- Be a Jamaican national or a naturalized citizen (at least 3 years).
- Be between the ages of 15-29 years old (on or before the deadline).
- Be of upstanding character.
- Meet the award criteria.

** The Committee reserves the right to conduct due diligence on all applicants. Background checks and/or verification for submitted documents may be done at the discretion of the committee.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS

- Nominators are required to download and complete the nomination form. Completed nominations must be emailed to yapdjamaica@moey.gov.jm.
- Nomination forms must be accompanied by copies of the following:
 - i. Certified copies of Birth certificate (Individuals) / Certified copies of Registration (Group/Organization).
 - ii. Identification Card (Driver's licences, passport, school ID, National ID).
 - iii. **Two (2)** written references (one professional or academic and one character reference).
 - iv. Academic certificates including proof of achievements and awards **(for the category of Academics)**.
- Profile of achievements (Description of major achievement, contribution, results and impact for which nominations are being made).
- Shortlisted applicants (nominees) will be asked to attend an interview. Interviews for overseas-based nominees will be done via video conference.
- The Prime Minister's National Youth Awards for Excellence Selection Committee reserves the right to place nominees in the relevant category based on the body of work presented.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms **MUST BE** submitted by **Saturday March 15, 2025 | 11:59 p.m.** to: yapdjamaica@moey.gov.jm

References to be addressed to:

The PMNYAE Selection Committee
The Ministry of Education, Skill, Youth & Information
Youth and Adolescents Policy Division
2-4 National Heroes Circle, Kingston 4.

For further information contact:

Tel: 876-922-1400 (ext: 6126) | CUG: 876-435-0839
Email: yapdjamaica@moey.gov.jm
Website: youthjamaica.gov.jm



AWARD CRITERIA

The Prime Minister of Jamaica, Dr. The Most Honourable Andrew Michael Holness, O.N., P.C., M.P., DLP, 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 and Agro-Processing. S/he must:

- Own AND/OR operate an agro-business endeavour which incorporates the use of new technology in the advancement of Agriculture & Agro – Processing AND/OR
- Have advanced scientific research AND/OR development in agriculture AND/OR
- Have incorporated innovation in the development of a new product.

2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP / SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of Entrepreneurship. S/he must:

- Operate a profitable, innovative, registered business venture.
- Generate direct and indirect employment AND/OR
- Operate a business that has contributed significant social and economic value at community AND/OR national level.

In the Field of Social Entrepreneurship, nominee must:

- Operate a social enterprise that has contributed significant social and economic value at community and/or national level.
- Be affecting change, developing and implementing solutions at the community level.
- Be serving a key population as outlined by the National Youth Policy.

3. JOURNALISM / E-JOURNALISM

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

- Have consistently produced high-quality content and in-depth coverage of national, regional AND/OR international issues.
- Have produced a body of work that has had a national impact, and/or led to the wellbeing of people involved.
- Have received a regional or international award in recognition of his/her journalistic endeavours.

4. NEW MEDIA – SOCIAL MEDIA / YOUTUBER/ BLOGGERS/ VLOGGERS

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of New Media. S/he must:

- Have consistently produced high-quality, innovative, creative and relevant content of national, regional or international issues.
- Have consistently produced work that has a real and tangible impact on the target audience
- Have produced a body of work that has had a national impact, and/or led to the wellbeing of people involved.
- Have received a regional or international award in recognition of his/her new media endeavours.
- Have a strong Social Media Presence example: Instagram, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), TikTok.

5. ARTS AND CULTURE

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of Arts and Culture. S/he must:

- Have gained local AND/OR international recognition evidenced by competition results, awards, reviews or placement.
- Have featured prominently in a minimum of two critically acclaimed exhibitions or productions.
- Have used their talent, skill and platform, in a non-commercial manner, to foster the development of their subject area.

6. MUSIC

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of Music. S/he must:

- Have displayed Excellence in the Promotion of Jamaican Culture through music.
- Be considered an outstanding performer or creator or musical works evidence by local AND/OR international awards, competition results, reviews or chart standings.
- Have a reputable catalogue free of violence and discriminatory material (at time of award consideration).

7. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of Leadership. S/he must have:

- Demonstrated an active leadership history at the national or international level.
- Demonstrated an active leadership history in relation to a priority group of the National Youth Policy.
- Served at the specified level for a minimum of 3 years and made a significant and demonstrable impact over the period.

8. PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The recipient of the award may be an individual or an organization.

Individuals or organizations must:

- Have demonstrated locally or internationally significant contribution/s to their society.
- Not be a recipient of a Prime Minister's National Youth Award for Excellence.

**** The recipient will be selected exclusively by the Honorable Prime Minister**



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9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The nominee must be a distinguished individual/organization in the field of Environmental protection AND/OR Climate Change and Adaptation. The individual/organization must:

- Have proven to be influential and an effective environmental steward/leader.
- Have gained international/ AND/OR national recognition as an advocate for the environment.

****For organisations, a minimum of 80% of the membership should be between 15 and 29 years old.**

10. SPORTS

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of Sport. S/he must:

- Have performed meritoriously at the Junior and/ or senior level in international competition and have achieved a world-leading performance AND/OR
- Have attained a consistent world ranking (1-10) in his/her sport AND/OR
- Have achieved a world-leading performance.
- Performance and ranking must be current: active participation within the past 2 years.

11. NATION BUILDING (Volunteerism)

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 the community level.
- Have outstanding and consistent voluntary service over at least 5 years.
- Have given service which is not related to mandatory obligations for work or school.

12. ACADEMICS

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of Academics. S/he must:

- Must have achieved a top three regional ranking at CAPE and CSEC levels AND/OR
- Must have completed a Bachelors 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.

**** Nomination must be for the last level of education completed**

13. INNOVATION IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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

- 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.

14. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Individual or organization 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.

****For Youth Serving Organizations and/or Youth Development Practitioners.**

15. SPECIAL ABILITIES AWARD

The nominee must be a member of the special needs community. S/he must:

- Must have demonstrated exceptional achievements in their chosen field AND/ OR
- Must have made a significant positive impact on their community or promoted awareness and inclusion for persons with special needs.

**** Nominee must have a documented disability recognised by a medical professional.**

16. TVET AWARD

The nominee must distinguish him/herself in a TVET discipline. S/he must:

- Must have demonstrated outstanding performance in a TVET area AND/ OR
- Must have demonstrated exceptional practical performance in a programme offered by the HEART/ NSTA Trust or another accredited Institution offering TVET courses.

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PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2024 NOMINATION FORM

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

i. INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE (Individual)

Title Mr./ Ms./ Mrs. Sex: Male/ Female Date of Birth
First Name Middle Name Surname
Home Address
Contact Tel: Email:
Place of Employment/School
Employment/School Contact
Nominee's Next of Kin
Name Relation: Tel:
Address Email:

ii. INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE (Group/Organization)

Name of Group/Organization
Address Established Date
Contact Email:
Head of Group/Organization Contact
Founder/President/Director/Chairman
Nominee's Next of Kin Contact

iii. AWARD CATEGORY (Select One Category Only)

Agriculture and Agro Processing	Sports	National Leadership
Arts & Culture	Music	Environmental Protection
Academics	Journalism/E-Journalism	Nation Building (Volunteerism)
Entrepreneurship/Social Entrepreneurship	Innovation in Science & Technology	Youth Development
New Media (Social Media/Youtuber/Blogger/Vlogger)	TVET Award	Special Abilities Award

iv. INFORMATION ON THE NOMINATOR

Title Mr./ Ms./ Mrs. Sex: Male/ Female Date of Birth
First Name Middle Name Surname
Home Address
Contact: Email:
Signature:
Nominee's Next of Kin
Name Relation: Tel:
Address Email:

v. REFEREES (One Professional & One Character Reference Each)

A. Professional Reference
First Name: Surname
Address:
Contact: Email
B. Character Reference
First Name: Surname
Address:
Contact: Email

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Date Receipt of Nomination Form: Time:
Name of Certifying Officer: Title:
Officer's Signature:

DETAILS ON NOMINEE

A. Education Background

TERTIARY

Institution	Area of Study	Level: BSc, PhD etc	Grade Class	Year

SECONDARY

School	Level: CSEC, CAPE	Subject	Grade/Passes

B. Description of Major Achievements for Which Nomination Made

C. List of Other Awards & Achievements Specific to Selected Category

D. Description of Contribution/Results/Impact

E. Description of Youth Club/Organization Involvement

F. List of Supporting Documents Enclosed

Birth Certificate (Individual)	2 Written References
Exam Certificate/Transcript (Academic Category)	Proof of Work Done (5 pages portfolio)
Identification (National ID/Passport/Driver's Licence/School ID)	Others
Supporting Documents (Letter of Endorsement, Publication, Certificate, Awards, Photograph)	
Groups/Organizations	Identification (Logo)
	Certificate of Registration

DATA PROTECTION INFORMATION

The nominee consent to their personal data / information being utilized and shared for the sole purpose of the Prime Minister's National Youth Awards for Excellence nomination and awards.

Please tick the appropriate area, should you wish to continue with your submission: -

I agree

I disagree

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Use the sheet if additional space is needed.