



GGAA

The Governor-General's Achievement Awards

GGAA Application Process

- 1 READ UP ON THE GGAA**
Get to know the areas of focus for the respective categories. This will guide you in selecting the category most suited to nominate someone.
- 2 NOMINATE SOMEONE**
Use the online form at www.ggpe.org.jm/nomination to submit nominations! Now open to self nomination!
- 3 COMPLETE ALL FORMS**
Nominees are required to complete and submit all requested information including references to the office of the Custos and/or online.
- 4 SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE**
Persons who meet all the requirements will be invited by the Custos and/or a member of the Parish Committee for an interview.

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An Arm of the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

Overview

The Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) scheme has been in existence since 1991. It was set up under the distinguished patronage of then Governor-General the Most Honourable Sir Howard Cooke, ON, GCMG, GCVO, CD with the financial support of the Building Societies, and the Gleaner Company Limited, the Custodes, as well as representatives from the Jamaica Teachers' Association, the Legal, Business, Community and Religious Organizations.

The Programme got off to a national start under the leadership of the Custodes in the various parishes where committees were formed to promote, distribute, receive and assess nominations from the public.

In 2007, then Governor-General, His Excellency the Most Honourable Professor Sir Kenneth O. Hall, ON, OJ, expanded the Programme to recognize academic excellence along with volunteerism among persons in the 18-24, and 25-35 age categories.

Under the leadership of current Governor-General, His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J, the Governor-General's Achievement Awards programme continues to be recognized as one of Jamaica's most successful and prestigious.

Nomination

In order to nominate a candidate, please visit our website and complete the nomination form at www.ggpe.org/nomination. The candidate or Nominee will be required to complete a Personal Information Form and provide specific documentation to validate the information included on the form.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a candidate must:

1. Be a Jamaican Citizen
2. Be within one of three age group categories: 18 – 24, 25 – 35 or over 35 age group categories.
3. Have an outstanding and verifiable record of community service. Students must also have attained strong or excellent academic performance.



Persons who have been the recipient of a National Honour or Award are NOT eligible to be considered for a Governor-General's Achievement Award (GGAA).

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria focus on 'Family', 'Youth', 'Education' and 'Community impact'. They also emphasize 'Creativity', 'Innovation', 'Initiative', and 'Sustained Accomplishment'.

The person's achievement must have been made in the public interest and voluntary activities must have had a positive effect on a significant number of persons in their community.



The Ideal Candidate for the Award

Award Categories: Age Group 18 – 24 and 25 – 35

While volunteerism is a hallmark of the Governor-General's Achievement Award, the specific award given in the 18-24 years and 25-35 years age group categories has a strong focus on academics. The person selected must possess an impressive history of academic excellence and community service, complemented by effective leadership skills and an inclination for innovation.

'Academic excellence', expanded for the specific category, seeks to identify that individual with an 'outstanding' or 'awe-inspiring' accomplishment, particularly at the undergraduate and/or graduate level(s).

The selectee should possess an honours degree. His/her Grade Point Average (GPA) ideally ought to be 4.0, or at a minimum, 3.89 GPA. Achievement is based on expertise, sustained effort and excellence, and not other more ephemeral characteristics, such as professional connections.

Award Category: Age Group 25 – 35

Volunteerism is at the core of this award category. There is no emphasis on academics but it is acknowledged where it exists. Central to this is that the person has 'pulled themselves up by the bootstraps'. NB: The nominee must be domiciled in the parish for at least ten (10) years to be considered for the award. A significant portion of his/her active service to community must be in the parish which they are domiciled.

The Award Recipient would have demonstrated exceptional merit without regard to financial need.