



# GGPE

The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

## How Can You Help?

Together we can do even more. You may help by:



### Donating

Contact us to get more information on how you can make a contribution to the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE).



### Becoming a Volunteer

Offer to assist with a project. Contact the National Coordinator of the GGPE or write to the Custos of your Parish and ask for consideration to serve as an IBI Ambassador.



### Making Others Aware

Learn more about the I Believe Initiative through our IBI Ambassadors or by visiting our website.

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“Using what's right with Jamaica to fix what's wrong with Jamaica.”

## The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE)

The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) is the flagship civic initiative emanating from the Office of His Excellency The Governor-General. It encompasses The Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) and the I Believe Initiative (IBI).



### The Governor-General's Achievement Awards

The Governor-General's Achievement Awards is the rewards and recognition component of the GGPE. It began in 1991 to acknowledge Jamaicans thirty-five years (35) and older who demonstrated considerable community involvement and who had achieved greatly despite challenging socio-economic circumstances. The GGAA later expanded to recognize youth ages 18-35 years, for excellence in academia and service. It further evolved into recognizing individuals in the Diaspora for their contribution to Jamaica and their host country.

Eligibility for the GGAA centres on being a Jamaican, 18 years and older and not a holder of National Honours and Awards. Each age category is recognized accordingly:

- 18-24 - excellence in academia and service
- 25-35 - excellence in academia and service
- Over 35 - excellence in leadership

## The I Believe Initiative

The I Believe Initiative (IBI), which is the service-oriented arm of the GGPE, was launched by current Governor-General, Sir Patrick Allen, in May 2011. The objective of the IBI is to motivate and inspire young people to believe in themselves, achieve their God-given potential and give service to their country.

The Initiative seeks to achieve its mission and vision by creating, contributing and endorsing projects that fall under the IBI pillars of 'Youth', 'Education' and 'Family'.

### Our Vision

Inspired and motivated young people contributing to the building of a prosperous and peaceful nation.

### Our Mission

To create pathways through partnerships and to promote programmes that restore hope and sound values in Jamaica's youth.

### Mantra

Using what's right with Jamaica to fix what's wrong with Jamaica.



## IBI Programmes

### IBI-Monroe College Scholarship

This is a 4-year scholarship to read for the Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems at Monroe College in New York. This has been made available through a partnership between the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence and Monroe College since 2014. The successful candidate will be required to serve in Jamaica for a minimum of three (3) years after conferment of the degree.

### Parenting Now!

This focuses on values-based parenting to build strong family foundations. Through the marquee programme, Parenting Now, the I Believe Initiative orchestrates campaigns geared towards informing better parenting and is based on proven principles of good parenting.

### Summer of Service (SOS) Programme

The SOS Programme is a project of the I Believe Initiative which aims to increase volunteerism among the Jamaican youth. Participants have the opportunity, based on their performance, of being rewarded with scholarships and / or book grants to support their tertiary education.

### Youth Consultative Conference (YCC)

The YCC provides a forum through which young people can strategize workable solutions to address social ills. It provides a platform for the expression of concerns and suggest ways in which youth can be involved in organizations that promote the building of a nation and propose avenues and alternatives to solve problems. Participants in the YCC are drawn from communities and institutions across the island and are between the ages of 17 and 35 years.