



THE PRIME MINISTER'S

NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

2008

The National Centre for Youth Development is inviting nominations for the Prime Minister's National Youth Awards for Excellence in the following categories:

1. AGRICULTURE: The nominee must distinguish him/herself in the field of agriculture. **S/he must:**

- Own and operate an agrobusiness endeavour.
- Incorporate the use of new technology in agricultural production.
- Advance scientific research in agriculture.

2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP: The nominee must be distinguished as an emerging youth innovator or entrepreneur. **S/he must:**

- Operate or manage a profitable business venture.
- Generate levels of direct and indirect employment.

3. ACADEMICS: The nominee must display outstanding academic achievement in their field of study. **S/he must:**

- Have completed all Units of CAPE Level I and II or 'A' levels **(with distinction)**.
- Have completed a Bachelors Degree in the field and have attained a First Class Honours or Grade Point Average (G.P.A of 3.8).
- Post graduate nominees must have completed a thesis with distinction and or published research papers which have gained international recognition.

4. SPORTS: The nominee must have achieved significant success at the Junior or Senior level in his/her sport. **S/he must:**

- Attained at least a gold or silver medal in a junior and/ senior level international competition.
- Have attained a consistent world ranking (1-10) in his/her sport.

5. ARTS AND CULTURE: The nominee must have proven him/herself to be outstanding in the visual or performing arts or culture. **S/he must:**

- Have gained international/national recognition.
- Have participated in a minimum of two critically acclaimed exhibitions or productions.

6. YOUTH IN SERVICE

The nominee must have demonstrated outstanding and consistent voluntary service, relevant to the development of youth and the community. **S/he must:**

- Have significantly impacted the targeted group.
- Have consistently served (voluntarily) over a five (5) year period.
- Have given service which is not related to any mandatory obligations for work or school.

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LEADERSHIP

7. The nominee should have consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership at the national level and inspired others. **S/he must:**

- Have made significant impact during his/her others during his/her tenure.
- Demonstrate an active leadership history at local, national or international level.
- Served at the specified levels for a minimum of three (3) years.

8. JOURNALISM

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

- Conduct consistent in depth coverage of positive youth issues.
- Demonstrate excellence in mass communications in any of the following including:
 - I. Print Media
 - II. Electronic Media
 - III. New Media

9. INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The nominee must achieve international recognition other than in the above categories. **S/he must:**

- Have gained international world ranking or recognition in a field other than the above-mentioned categories.

Eligibility

To be considered eligible a nominee must:

- 1) Be a Jamaican National (not necessarily resident)
- 2) Be Age 15-24 years old (born between January 2, 1984 and December 31, 1993)

GUIDELINES & GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Nominators are required to complete the attached Nomination Form.
2. Overseas nominees must be prepared to undergo a telephone interview between (November 19-21, 2008.)
3. Short-listed nominees must be prepared to attend an interview in the week of November 12-21, 2008
4. Short-listed nominees must present the following on the day of the interview:
 - Certified copies of birth and examination certificates, transcripts, proof of achievements and awards.
 - Two (2) 5*7 photographs (one depicting the nominee in action, and other a still photo) should be included with nomination.
 - Two (2) References (one professional and one character).
 - Nominations should include certified copies of all relevant information including proof of achievements, certificates, transcripts, awards, etc.

Nomination forms may be collected from the:

1. National Centre for Youth Development, 16A Half Way Tree Rd. Kingston 5.
2. Youth Information Centres (Kingston, Portland, Portmore & Port Maria).
3. On www.jis.gov.jm website.

Completed forms with supporting documents, should be returned the

National Centre for Youth Development, by
**Tuesday, November 4, 2008 or via fax:
754-7952**

**For further information, please
telephone 968-6293 / 908-2010.**

*The National Centre for Youth Development
reserves the right to make the final decision
regarding the disbursement of awards to
nominees.*



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NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be completed by the nominator.

INFORMATION ON NOMINEE

Surname: _____ **First Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender: Male/Female**

Address: _____

Contact Telephone No: _____

Email: _____

Present Occupation: _____ **Position (if employed):** _____

Place of Employment/ School Attending _____

Address of Employer/ School: _____

_____ **School/Employer's Telephone No:** _____

AWARD CATEGORY

- Agriculture
- Entrepreneurship
- Academics
- Sports
- Arts and Culture
- Youth in Service
- Leadership
- Journalism
- International Achievement

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ATTACHMENTS

Please attach a brief summary of the nominee’s contributions and achievements. The following guidelines may be used:

- List Major Achievements
- Description of results or impact
- List of other Awards

Proof of the nominee’s achievements and other supporting documents should also be submitted.

INFORMATION ON NOMINATOR

Surname: _____ **First Name** _____

Address: _____

Contact No: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Signature: _____

Next of Kin: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

REFERENCES

1. _____

2. _____

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