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The **Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (Toronto) (AJAA)** is an umbrella organization representing past students’ associations affiliated with educational institutions in Jamaica. Our mandate is to provide **guidance and financial assistance** to students from the Jamaican educational system as they transition into the Canadian educational system, while also supporting our member Jamaican Alumni Associations in Toronto.

As part of our commitment to student success, the **AJAA hosts an annual Graduates’ Award Ceremony** to celebrate the achievements of graduating high school students of Jamaican descent. To ensure we reach as many eligible students as possible, we actively collaborate with **guidance counselors in secondary schools and various community organizations** to identify and connect with these students.

**The Graduates’ Program**

1. **The Bursary**

Open to all graduating Ontario high school students of Jamaican descent who have been accepted into a post-secondary program, this bursary is designed to support their pursuit of higher education.

**Bursary Criteria:**

* be of Jamaican descent
* maintain a minimum “B” average in the last 2 years of high school
* a graduate of an Ontario secondary school in 2025
* provide evidence of community service or involvement
* provide proof of acceptance to a community college or university
* bursaries will be disbursed upon satisfactory proof of registration in community college or university courses
* Applications must be endorsed by a Guidance Counselor or Vice Principal.
* **Applications must be completed and submitted no later than 5:00pm on Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Each year, the number and value of the bursaries are dependent on available funding.

1. **The Graduates Awards Ceremony**

The Awards Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM** at **The Jamaican Canadian Centre - 995 Arrow Road, Toronto.** Awardees will be honored with the presentation of bursaries and certificates and will be invited to network with professionals from various fields in the community.

Only successful applicants will be contacted prior to the Awards Ceremony at which time additional information will be provided.All awardees are encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony in person.

If you have questions or need additional information, please leave a message at 416-498-9934, or emai: graduates@ajaacanada.com

[Application Form](https://forms.gle/Mcp59uSqSj7ggFXm8)

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Yours sincerely,



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