



Jamaica Diaspora Award 2024 District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia

Nominations are now being accepted for the Jamaica Diaspora Awards for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia (JDA-DMV).

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the JDA-DMV, nominees must:

- Be Jamaican nationals or persons of Jamaican descent or heritage living or working in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia; or with institutions or organizations that have a strong connection to Jamaica or the Jamaican Diaspora in the region.
- Have demonstrated outstanding service, leadership, innovation or excellence in their respective fields or sectors, and have made a positive difference to Jamaica, its Diaspora, or to the wider society.
- Have a recognized good reputation and character and be supportive of initiatives that benefit the Diaspora and/or Jamaica.
 - An awardee can only receive a particular award once. The committee may, however, allow a recipient an award in another category given by JDA-DMV.
 - No self-nomination will be accepted.

Types of Awards

The JDA-DMV will consist of four types of awards:

- Individual Award: This award will recognize individuals who have excelled in their personal or professional endeavors and have made notable contributions to Jamaica and/or its Diaspora, or the wider society.
- Organization/Institution Award: This category recognizes organizations that have implemented effective programs, projects or initiatives that have benefited Jamaica and/or its Diaspora, or the wider society. It also honors institutions that have provided valuable support, resources, or opportunities to Jamaica and/or its Diaspora, or the wider society.
- Friend of Jamaica Award: This recognizes persons who are not of Jamaican origin but have shown exceptional friendship, solidarity, or partnership with Jamaica and/or its Diaspora.
- Lifetime Achievement: This recognizes a nominee who has dedicated his/her life to serving Jamaica and/or its Diaspora with distinction and excellence.

Judging Criteria

The JDA-DMV judging panel will evaluate the nominees based on the following criteria:

- The relevance and significance of their contributions to Jamaica and/or its Diaspora, and the wider society.
- The impact and outcomes of their contributions on the beneficiaries and stakeholders.
- The sustainability and scalability of their contributions for future development.
- The originality and creativity of their contributions and approaches.
- The challenges and obstacles they overcame to achieve their contributions.

Nomination Process

The nomination process for the JDA-DMV will be open and transparent. Anyone can nominate a potential recipient for any type of award. **Self-nomination will not be accepted.** The nomination process will involve the following steps:

- Nominators will fill out the nomination form that will require them to provide basic information about themselves and their nominees, as well as a brief statement explaining why they think their nominees deserve the JDA-DMV. Nominations with supporting documents may also be received via email or other means.
- Nominators will also be asked to provide supporting documents or evidence that can verify or illustrate their nominees' contributions, such as certificates, awards, testimonials, media reports, publications, etc.
- Nominations for the 2024 awards will be accepted by midnight Saturday, June 15, 2024. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

Awards Submission Checklist:

1. Read the descriptions, eligibility, and awards submission requirements.
2. Fill out the Nomination Form
3. Gather the required materials. **All nominations require supporting documentation**
4. Compile all materials with this Nomination Form as the first page into a single PDF document (letters of support may be scanned).
5. Email PDF document to dmvdiaspوراawards@gmail.com. Place "JDA-DMV Award" in subject line
6. **Deadline midnight, Sunday, June 30, 2024.**



Jamaica Diaspora Award Nomination Form

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Nominee's name: _____
Nominee's job title: _____
Nominee's work address: _____
Nominee's work phone: _____
Nominee's email address: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator's name: _____
Nominator's work address: _____
Nominator's email address: _____
Nominator's work phone: _____
Relationship to candidate: _____

Check the category for the award:

- Individual
- Organization/Institution
- Lifetime Achievement
- Friend of Jamaica

Statement – Rationale/justification for the nomination

(Attach additional page if necessary)

Submission:

Submit Nomination Form and support documents to dmvdiasporaawards@gmail.com. Deadline **Midnight, Sunday, June 30, 2024.**