



Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Contest

Mission Statement

To enhance national development through cultural practices, by creating opportunities that unearth, develop, preserve and promote creative talents and expressions of the Jamaican people.

This will be achieved In an innovative and creative manner through professional and responsive staff, collaborating with all stakeholders.



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and returned to the Parish Office*

GUIDELINES

The Miss Jamaica Festival Queen contest, a project of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission, to encourage young Jamaican women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five (18-25) years, to participate in and be identified with their culture and community activities, both at the parish and national levels.

The main thrust of this programme is to make young women more aware of the contribution they can make to community development and nation building, as they strive towards attaining their personal goals.

The programme provides training in personal development, showcases talents of the contestants and develops their leadership qualities.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants shall be citizens of Jamaica and shall be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five (18-25) years, before the National Coronation.
2. Contestants must have been born in the parish from which they entered or must have been residing in that parish for a period of not less than six (6) months prior to the parish contest.
3. Applications from contestants who have been placed in the previous year of this competition will not be entertained.
4. Applications from contestants who have won at the parish and or National level will not be entertained.
5. Contestants should be of good character. This must be attested to by two (2) prominent persons of their community. Contestants should submit in writing two (2) testimonials either from a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace or a School Principal.
6. Contestants who wish to participate in the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition must perform a cultural item from the areas of Dance, Music, Speech, Drama or a combination of any of them. This should be presented at Parish and National Coronation shows.
7. All contestants are allowed a **maximum of three (3) minutes** for performance. **Five (5) points will be deducted for each additional minute.**
8. Contestants must be single and must never have been married nor have been a mother.

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9. Each contestant must identify and be involved with an ongoing community project.

10. The Jamaica Cultural Development Commission reserves the right to request a medical examination by an approved Medical Practitioner.

11. The Commission will not be held responsible for loss or damage of any personal belongings of contestants, however caused, during their participation in the contest.

12. The Commission reserves the right to approve or reject each participant's item for performance in the competition.

13. The Commission reserves the right to contract within its discretion for sponsorship of any or all contestants, and contestants must agree to accept and represent any such sponsor.

14. The Commission will not be responsible for expenses incurred by contestants unless such expenses were previously authorized by the Commission's representative.

15. During the competition, any contestant who leaves the official residence provided for contestants or the official Festival Queen party, or accepts private engagements without the permission of the Commission, will be liable for disqualification.

16. The gown to be worn by each contestant on the final night of the competition must be presented to the Committee for approval seven (7) days before the Coronation Show. This must be done both at the parish and national levels.

17. The parish committees will approve clothing for finalists for the national judging functions. There will be fixed wardrobe based on planned events.

18. Accommodation and transportation during the National Finals will be the responsibility of the Commission.

19. No application will be accepted from persons involved in any beauty, modeling or any other such pageant, if the finals of This contest is scheduled to take place within a three (3) month period prior to or after the selection of the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen finalists.

20. The Commission reserves the right to appoint its panel of adjudicators at all levels of the competition.

21. The Commission reserves the right to disqualify any contestant at any time during the contest without publicizing its reason (s).

22. The decision of the Judges shall be final and binding at all levels of the competition.

23. Each contestant will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00)**.

RULES FOR THE WINNER

1. Miss Jamaica Festival Queen shall reign until her successor is selected, and shall crown her successor Queen Competition, unless for any reason the title is withdrawn.

2. Miss Jamaica Festival Queen will be required to represent Jamaica in International Pageants at the discretion of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission. She will be required from time to time official capacity. On all such occasion it is expected that she will fully honour the obligations.

3. The Commission shall be responsible to appoint chaperones for all official functions and shall approve itineraries for all official overseas trips arriving out of the contest. It will be the duty of the Chaperones and the Commission at home and abroad.

4. Miss Jamaica Festival Queen must have the permission of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission to undertake overseas trips during her reign.

5. The Jamaica Cultural Development Commission will liaise with groups or individuals for invitations to the Queen and reserves the right to approve or reject all or any request.

6. Miss Jamaica Festival Queen shall be required to identify and implement/work with a community project, which might be an ongoing project in consultation with the National Committee, during her reign. Reports must be submitted at specified intervals.

7. Miss Jamaica Festival Queen, during the year of her reign, shall obtain in writing the approval of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission before committing to do any form of advertising.

CONDITIONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

8. The marriage or pregnancy of Miss Jamaica Festival Queen during her reign, a period of one (1) year.

9. If Miss Jamaica Festival Queen, during her reign, commits any breach of these rules or should be involved in any act or conduct which the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission deems unbecoming or tarnishes the image of the Commission, the Commission shall declare the title forfeited, and she shall relinquish her titles and all privileges attached there to.

9b. In the event the title Miss Jamaica Festival Queen is forfeited, the Commission may confer the title upon the runner-up in the contest.

ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

The applicant hereby assigns to the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission the exclusive worldwide rights to make and commercially exploit images, audiovisual and sound recordings of the applicant's entry and/or performances rendered in the course of this competition. This assignment shall include the right to make and distribute mechanical audio-visual, sound and image carriers such as videos, DVD, and compact discs as well as the rights to broadcast on radio, television and the Internet.

WARRANTIES

The applicant hereby warrants and represents that she is duly authorized to grant the rights above-mentioned and hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the JCDC harmless from and against all claims that may arise from third parties as a consequence of the rights granted to the JCDC. Applicant agrees to execute such other agreements as may be necessary to give effect to the undertakings herein mentioned.

SECTION II

Personal Profile

Have you participated in any JCDC competitions?
If yes, state event, year and achievements.

What is your career goal?

List all areas of your community involvement
(use additional paper if necessary).

What will your performance piece be, if selected to
enter the competition?

Briefly describe your personality, including your
likes, dislikes, strong and weak points.

SECTION. III	EDUCATION	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS							
	YEAR								
SCHOOLS ATTENDED									

SECTION IV

To be completed by Applicant

DECLARATION

I have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them and accept the judges' decision as final.

Signed _____

Date _____

SECTION IV to be completed by Principal/J.P.

I _____

declare that _____

has been known to me for _____ years, and from my knowledge, is of sound character, trustworthy and honest. I hereby support her entry in the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition.

PRINCIPAL / JUSTICE OF THE PEACE / NOTARY PUBLIC

Date _____



Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Contest Entry Form

must be returned in duplicate with **two (2)** recent passport sized photographs and an entry fee of **\$1000.00** to the Parish Office no later than **THE LAST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY**

For Official Use Only

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Payment method: cash cheque (\$1000.00)

Certified by: _____

Date: _____



Miss Jamaica Festival Queen ENTRY FORM

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

Parish: _____

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Address (if different from home): _____

Tel.# (Home): _____

Tel.# (Work): _____

Cell.#: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Principal/Justice of the Peace/Notary Public: _____

Address: _____

Tel.#: _____

Cell.#: _____