The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations

2018 ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Every student has immeasurable, untapped reserves of competence and creativity. Given the opportunity, a student can always find a way to better appreciate how to establish a voice in writing to effectively communicate creative thoughts and ideas. Authentic writing then becomes not just an exercise but has a specific purpose and addresses a specific audience.

AJAA is inviting graduating students to participate in the writing process to establish a winner in the Essay Writing Competition. This forum will encourage and allow students to access those immeasurable reserves and express them in a meaningful way. There will be a monetary award for the winner.

To establish clear expectations and guidelines, the organization finds it necessary to remind entrants that the writing process is a recursive act of planning, preparation, drafting, revision and editing. Evaluations will be based on content, length of essay, spelling accuracy and grammar.

Criteria

- Completion of nomination form
- Essays should be between 1000-1500 words
- Lines should be double-spaced and word-processed.
- All thoughts expressed should be those of the author
- This is a persuasive essay (your opinions only) and should not be researched
- Plagiarism will result in disqualification
- Essays will be assessed for proper sentence structure, paragraph structure, grammar, spelling,
- Content and punctuation.
- Essays may be submitted by e-mail or regular mail postmarked no later than May 18, 2018

Eligibility

- Of Jamaican descent
- Ontario Secondary School Graduate in 2018

Please choose one of the following topics

1. Each year the country of Canada welcomes approximately 250,000 immigrants. Do you think Canada is still a viable option for immigrants? What are some of the challenges which an immigrant faces?

2. Should young black Canadians be interested in seeking political office. Explain the reason for your position.

3. Some argue that black dominance in major sports today is due to physical prowess while others have argued that it is due to the significance of motivation, intellect, and discipline. Discuss with reference to which of these you believe and give examples to support your argument

4. A black father's time with his family is more limited than in other families" Discuss why you agree or disagree with this theory

5. The United States of America is threatening to end NAFTA with Canada and Mexico. What implications will this have, if any, on Canada? What recommendations would you make to the Canadian government if the agreement should end?

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