**Jamaica Dyslexia Association Youth Ambassador Program**

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| Jamaica Dyslexia Association (JDA) Youth Ambassador is an honorary title given to students who have dyslexia. Students are selected from each of the three counties in Jamaica, Cornwall, Middlesex and Surrey to raise awareness of dyslexia in their schools and their local communities. The most important part of being a JDA youth ambassador is the gift to be different! The goal is to empower dyslexic students to be strong leaders and positive role models. |

**Applicant must:**

* A student, ages 15–24 who have dyslexia.
* Have some knowledge about dyslexia
* Live in one of the three counties in Jamaica.
* Be willing and able to travel locally for training and events.
* Be able to work in a team

**What do I need to apply?**

* One photo of yourself
* A parental consent form is needed if under

**Benefits:**

* Recognition on the JDA website, and social media
* Opportunity to speak and represent the JDA at public events.
* Reference and letter of recommendation for colleges, internships & job opportunities.
* Opportunity to make a difference in youth leadership and development.
* Opportunities to network with peers.
* Opportunity to be connected to a vast network of dyslexia advocates, business leaders, government staff and other organizations.
* Community service hours for school.

**YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATION FORM**

The Jamaica Dyslexia Association respects the privacy of your personal information. Personal data collected via this application will be used to consider you for participation in and communicate with you about the Jamaica Dyslexia Association Youth Ambassador Program. Youth Ambassadors Applicants below the age of 16 must have the consent/permission of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before completing the application.

(Please complete all requested information)

1. Personal information

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| Name: |  |
| Surname: |  |
| DOB: |  |
| TRN: |  |
| County and Parish |  |
| Address: |  |
| Contact number: |  |
| Email Address: |  |

1. School details

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| Name of School: |  |
| Grade: |  |
| Address of school |  |
| Contact number: |  |
| Email address: |  |

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| Provide a summary of why we should select as a JDA Youth Ambassador. |
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| Briefly describe yourself, your interests, personality/character, and strengths, as well as your likes and dislikes. |
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We would notify Applicants if they were successful in making it to the next round, the interview selection process.

**See next pages for the Youth Ambassador Role & Responsibilities**

**YOUTH AMBASSADOR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Jamaica Dyslexia Association (JDA) is the first and only charitable dyslexia organization in Jamaica of its kind. It is the brainchild of Ms. Heather Christian, a Jamaican-born Canadian whose struggles with dyslexia lead her through frustration, trepidation and distress. To help others, In 2010, she developed the Jamaica Dyslexia Association Facebook Page to raise dyslexia awareness. 2015, the JDA was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the Laws of Jamaica with company number (90779) and granted charitable status registered  (CA100 -1212C)  in 2018.

In line with its mission, the JDA provides useful information and appropriate services that best meet the needs of Jamaicans who have dyslexia without compromising quality and professionalism. The members of the Jamaica Dyslexia Association (JDA) Board of Directors make up the organization's governing body and are legally accountable for its actions. The current Board of Directors comprises four (4) members. They bring to their role a combination of personal and professional knowledge of dyslexia and a profound commitment to the JDA mission.

The Letter of Appointment and these Guidelines clarifying the JDA youth ambassador's roles and responsibilities are there to help you feel supported and clear about your role as an Ambassador. The following are the terms and conditions of a JDA Youth Ambassador.

***Terms and conditions of appointment***

1. As a youth ambassador for the Jamaica Dyslexia Association, your role and responsibilities are to:

* Serve as youth representatives of the JDA.
* Serve a one-year term.
* Speak publicly about issues vital to dyslexia.
* Serve as a role model for dyslexic students setting an example of positive and responsible teen attitudes and behaviour.
* Be able to communicate effectively via social media.
* Participate in JDA, events, campaigns, programs, and activities

1. The youth ambassador's role is primarily as an AWARENESS VOLUNTEER, to share information about the Jamaica Dyslexia Association and to help the organization carry out its mission.
2. The Youth Ambassador will be recognized and valued for their contribution.
3. The Youth Ambassador IS NOT an Agent of the Organization.  Ambassadors act" In Aid of" and NOT" on behalf" of all the Jamaica Dyslexia Association ambassadors help promote the organization's services and resources.
4. The Youth Ambassador will be expected to follow this document's guidelines in the spirit of the Jamaica Dyslexia Association mission and meet mutually agreed time commitments or give notice if this is not possible.
5. The Youth Ambassador can share social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or YouTube and tell others about the Jamaica Dyslexia Association and its Benefits. However, you CAN NOT CHARGE for any related to his/her involvement with the Jamaica Dyslexia Association because EVERYTHING IS FREELY AVAILABLE on the website, social media and YouTube.
6. The Youth Ambassador must be aware when using social media that it is subjected to the full range of laws applying to communications, including copyright, breach of confidence, defamation, privacy contempt of court, harassment, libel and anti-discrimination legislation, and criminal laws.  Social media can be the subject of legal proceedings.
7. The Youth Ambassador is aware that Jamaica Dyslexia Association will accept no liabilities due to the Ambassador's use or misuse of social media sites.  Ambassadors' views are their own and ought not to be presented as though they represent the Jamaica Dyslexia Association.
8. In all communications, the Youth Ambassadors must not bring the Jamaica Dyslexia Association disrepute.
9. The Youth Ambassador is aware that the Jamaica Dyslexia Association will accept no liability due to an Ambassador's activities.