



## **The Jamaican American Connection Trailblazer Scholarship Guidelines**

The Jamaican American Connection, Inc. (“JAC”) was founded in the summer of 2010. JAC’s purpose is to celebrate and preserve the unique Jamaican culture and to promote the positive values and traditions of its people. In furtherance of its purpose, JAC created the **Trailblazer Scholarship Program**.

### **Scholarship Amounts:**

One (1) \$1500 Trailblazer Scholar  
Two (2) \$500.00 Book Award  
One (1) \$500 Leroy “Breadman” Maragh Scholarship

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Scholarships will be awarded to students from the Greater New Haven area based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities and financial need.
- Applicants must be student enrolled in a college or vocational school and of West Indian descent (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation).
- Proof of acceptance to college.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- If you have received a JAC Scholarship prior, you are not eligible to apply.

### **Application Deadline:**

All applications (including required attachments) must be delivered to JAC by

**Applications** must be emailed to [info@jacnewhaven.org](mailto:info@jacnewhaven.org). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **Trailblazer Scholarship Banquet:**

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the: JAC Trailblazer Scholarship Banquet.

*[Application Follows on Next Page]*

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please **type** your answers.

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Place of Birth:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

How did you learn about the scholarship?

Will you be the first person in your family to attend college?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current School (Spring 2021):

Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ (Please convert to a 4.0 scale, if necessary)

Attach your most recent school transcript (including a high school transcript if you will be a freshman in Fall 2021).

What is your (intended) major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. AWARDS/HONORS/ACTIVITIES.

*(List years where relevant)*

List any award/honors you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular school activities, including any leadership positions held:

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\_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities outside of school: \_\_\_\_\_

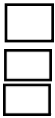
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7. **CERTIFICATION**

*I certify that the information I have provided in this application is complete and accurate and that all statements and my essay are entirely my own work. I understand that my scholarship award may be rescinded should the Jamaican American Connection determine that I have misrepresented or omitted any material information in this application. I also acknowledge that if I accept a Trailblazer Scholarship, JAC reserves the right to verify information included in my application and I hereby consent to JAC's use of my image in the promotion of such scholarship.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



8. **CHECKLIST**

- Application
- Essay
- School Transcript

**ESSAY**

Please respond below to one of the topics mentioned in box 6.

**Submit Application**