



JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Application Form

Awarded by Jamaica's Promise

Enquiries and completed applications: applications@scholarshipsja.org

IN MEMORIAM

The Alison Wilson Scholarships

Named in honour of the Late Former Consul General Mrs. Alison Wilson, these two special scholarships celebrate her extraordinary legacy of service to the Jamaican community in New York and her dedication to education.

■ **Alison Wilson Award — UWI**

University of the West Indies · Guys Hill, Linstead & surrounding areas

■ **Alison Wilson Award — UTech**

University of Technology · Guys Hill, Linstead & surrounding areas

WHO CAN APPLY · ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a Jamaica Independence Scholarship.

Financial Need

HIGHEST PRIORITY

Must demonstrate genuine and compelling financial need. This is the single highest-priority factor in our selection process.

Jamaican Nationals Only

The scholarship is exclusively open to citizens of Jamaica. Proof of Jamaican nationality is required.

Final Year of Study

Applicants must be entering the final year of their undergraduate degree or diploma programme at an eligible institution.

Minimum 3.0 GPA

Applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Academic transcripts will be verified by the committee.

Rural Area Weighting

Students from rural or underserved communities will receive additional weighting in the scoring process.

Completion Impact

Priority is given to applicants where receiving the scholarship will directly ensure they are able to complete their studies.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS · PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Scholarships are open to students enrolled at the following Jamaican universities and colleges.

- University of the West Indies
- College of Agriculture, Science & Education (CASE)
- Mico University College
- University of Technology, Jamaica
- Sam Sharpe Teachers' College
- Shortwood Teachers' College

Ready to apply? Complete the application form on the following pages and submit it with your supporting documents by Friday, September 4, 2026 to applications@scholarshipsja.org.



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Complete all sections in full, in BLOCK letters if printing. Fields marked * are required. All information is kept strictly confidential and used solely for the administration of the scholarship programme.

SECTION 1 · BIOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Title	Last Name / Surname (as on official ID) *	First Name *
Middle Name(s)	Date of Birth (DD / MM / YYYY) *	Sex
Marital Status	Country of Birth	Nationality (Jamaican Nationals only) *
Employment Status		

SECTION 2 · CONTACT INFORMATION

PERMANENT ADDRESS

Street / Apt. / P.O. Box *		City / Town / District *
Parish	Country	Home Phone

TERM / MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PERMANENT)

Street / Apt. / P.O. Box	Parish	Country

CONTACT DETAILS

Email Address *	Cellular / Mobile Phone *
Contact Number 2 (alternative)	Contact Number 3 (alternative)



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SECTION 3 · ACADEMIC PROFILE

You must be entering the final year of your programme with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above at one of the eligible institutions.

Institution of Enrolment *

Faculty / School / Department *

Major / Programme / Option *

Enrolment Status

Current Year / Level of Study *

Expected Graduation (Month / Year) *

Current Cumulative GPA (3.0 – 4.0) *

Student ID Number

SECTION 4 · FAMILY & PARENTAL INFORMATION

This information helps us understand your financial background. Leave fields blank if not applicable.

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Full Name

Address (if different from permanent)

Phone

Occupation

Monthly Salary (JMD)

FATHER'S INFORMATION

Full Name

Address (if different from permanent)

Phone

Occupation

Monthly Salary (JMD)

APPLICANT'S DEPENDENTS (CHILDREN OR OTHER PERSONS FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON YOU)

Dependent 1 — Full Name

Age

Relationship to Applicant

Dependent 2 — Full Name

Age

Relationship to Applicant

Dependent 3 — Full Name

Age

Relationship to Applicant

Other dependents / notes on your family situation



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SECTION 5 · BUDGET

Provide your estimated annual expenses and income for the academic year. All amounts in Jamaican Dollars (JMD).

Totals, shortfall, and the USD conversion calculate automatically when completed in Adobe Acrobat / Acrobat Reader.

ANNUAL EXPENSES (JMD)

Tuition Fees

Books & Supplies

Hall of Residence

Off-Campus Rent

Food

Clothing

Toiletries

Transportation

Field Trips

Other School Expenses (laptop, lab fees, etc.)

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES (JMD)

INCOME & RESOURCES (JMD)

Present Bank Balance

Spouse's Contribution

Family Contribution

Contribution from Other Sources

Proceeds from Employment

Awards / Scholarships / Bursaries

Tuition Loans — e.g. SLB

Grant — PATH Programme

Other Income / Resources

TOTAL INCOME / RESOURCES (JMD)

SHORTFALL (Total Expenses – Total Income) JMD

Use an exchange rate of \$155 JMD to \$1 USD.

SHORTFALL IN USD (Shortfall JMD ÷ 155) USD

SECTION 6 · CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular & volunteer activities — campus life, community service, clubs, sports, leadership roles (include dates and roles)



SECTION 7 · ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS & PERSONAL STATEMENT

In approximately 500 words, please address: · why you are applying for the Jamaica Independence Scholarship
· the impact the scholarship will have on your ability to complete your studies · academic distinctions, awards or achievements you have received · how your education will benefit your community and Jamaica.

You may attach additional sheets if required.

Personal Statement (max 500 words) *



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SECTION 8 · REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

Enclose the following with your completed application and submit everything to applications@scholarshipsja.org.

- ☐ Recent headshot / profile photo (JPG or PNG, clear face visible)
- ☐ Official academic transcript from your institution
- ☐ Proof of Jamaican nationality (passport bio page, birth certificate, or national ID)
- ☐ Completed Referee Affidavit (separate form, completed by your referee)

All documents are kept strictly confidential and used solely for scholarship administration. Submitting false or misleading documents will result in immediate disqualification.

SECTION 9 · DECLARATION & APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By signing below, I declare that all information provided in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification. I consent to Jamaica's Promise retaining my information for scholarship administration purposes, and to my photo and name being published if I am a successful awardee.

Applicant's Full Name (print) *

Date (DD / MM / YYYY) *

Applicant's Signature (sign by hand or e-sign)

SECTION 10 · SUBMISSION DEADLINE & IMPORTANT NOTES

Completed applications must be submitted by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 to applications@scholarshipsja.org.

All persons will be advised of the outcome of their application by email or telephone.

THE ALISON WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Two named awards honouring the late former Consul General Mrs. Alison Wilson are reserved for students of the University of the West Indies and the University of Technology, Jamaica who are from Guys Hill, Linstead, or the surrounding areas. There is no separate application — the recipients of the Alison Wilson Awards will be selected from the applications submitted on this form. To help us identify eligible applicants, please tick below if it applies to you:

- ☐ My home community is Guys Hill, Linstead, or a surrounding area.