

## Youth Employment, Education and Financial Assistance Programmes in Jamaica

<i>List</i>	<i>Main Responsibilities</i>	<i>How to Apply</i>
1. National Youth Service (NYS)	Provides financial assistance through an education grant. The NYS also assists youth in finding jobs during the summer and for internship.	<p>For financial assistance, persons should either complete an application form online at <a href="http://www.nysjamaica.com">www.nysjamaica.com</a> or at the NYS office. Interested person should take the following to the office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A passport size photo</li> <li>• 2 reference letters (1 character and 1 academic)</li> <li>• Birth certificate</li> <li>• TRN</li> <li>• A form of identification</li> <li>• Transcript or tuition letter</li> </ul> <p>For employment, interested persons should visit any NYS office and complete an application form. They should also submit a r�sum� and an application letter. Register online at <a href="http://www.nysjamaica.com">www.nysjamaica.com</a> and complete the application form provided.</p>
2. Youth Information Centre	Offers information, including scholarships and employment opportunities by referring participants to different organisations.	Visit website – <a href="http://www.youthjamaica.com/content/scholarships">www.youthjamaica.com/content/scholarships</a>
3. Youth Upliftment Through Employment (YUTE)	<p>The programme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A YUTE Employment component which provides full time and part time jobs, as well as internships programmes.</li> <li>• A YUTE Entrepreneurship segment that offers the opportunity for youth to start or develop their own business.</li> <li>• A YUTE U-Turn component that provides opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Participants must be a resident of an inner city area in Kingston and St. Andrew. They must fall with the age group 18-29 Application form can be access at <a href="http://www.yutejamaica.com">www.yutejamaica.com</a>.</p>

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	<p>which enable youth to improve their life skills and discipline, while getting skills training.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b> Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF)</p>	<p>Offers summer internship to youth. This assists in preparing and introducing youths to the world of work. It also assists them in gaining professional experience.</p>	<p>For Further information send email to <a href="mailto:tefsummerinternship@gmail.com">tefsummerinternship@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education (CHASE) Fund</p>	<p>The fund offers scholarships in early childhood professional training, leading to an Undergraduate Associate Degree or Post Graduate Degree. The fund also provides specialized short courses. The CHASE Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants enrolled in full time or part time study and at an accredited institution. Only Early Childhood teachers are eligible for this scholarship</p>	<p>Application forms are available at the Office of the Early Childhood Commission and on the CHASE Fund’s website at <a href="http://www.chase.org.jm">www.chase.org.jm</a>.</p>

**Ministry of Labour and social Security Education and Entrepreneurship Grant Programme**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and Entrepreneurship Grant Programme</li> </ul>	<p>Offers scholarships to final year students and entrepreneurship grants to persons, 16-35 years old for the Education assistance and 16-40 years old for Entrepreneurship grant.</p>	<p>To apply for a scholarship, submit the following documents to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security parish offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) passport size photo</li> <li>• A valid form of identification (National ID, Drivers Licence or Passport)</li> <li>• TRN and NIS cards</li> <li>• Birth Certificate</li> <li>• Letter of Recommendation ( JP or Minister of Religion)</li> <li>• Acceptance letter from institution outlining course of study</li> <li>• Official transcript reflecting GPA</li> <li>• Invoice/voucher from institution</li> <li>• Receipt of any amount paid</li> <li>• Letter from Students' Loan Bureau (if applicable)</li> <li>• Qualification (CSEC, CAPE, Diploma, HEART/Trust NTA Certificate, School Leaving Certificate, Certificate of Expertise)</li> </ul> <p>Below is a list of required documents to access the Entrepreneurship Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One passport size photo</li> <li>• A valid form of identification (National ID, Driver Licence or passport)</li> <li>• TRN and NIS cards</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of recommendation (JP, Minister of Religion)</li> <li>• Invoice outlining cost of entrepreneurial activity</li> <li>• Permission Letter for use of Land</li> <li>• Business proposal</li> <li>• Qualification (CSEC, CAPE, Diploma, HEART/Trust NTA Certificate, School Leaving Certificate, Certificate of Expertise)</li> <li>• Evidence of compliance with relevant regulation (e.g. Food handlers permit, fishing licence and hawk and peddlers licence)</li> </ul>