The **GraceKennedy Jamaican Birthright Programme** is designed to reconnect 2nd and 3rd generation Jamaicans living in the USA, UK and Canada to their proud Jamaican heritage.

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME

- GraceKennedy will host 4 university students for a 5- to 6-week internship.
- Candidates **must** be 2nd/3rd generation Jamaicans who have never lived in Jamaica ('lived' – not in Jamaica for a period exceeding 6 months)
- Programme will focus on cultural as well as professional education
- Programme aims to re-engage the diaspora for Jamaica's benefit and increase cultural affinity of young Jamaicans in the diaspora
- Selected candidates become 'Birthright Ambassadors' after the internship and are encouraged to be ambassadors for Jamaica

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROGRAMME

The GraceKennedy Jamaican Birthright Programme is a cultural and professional internship geared at highlighting all aspects of Jamaican life while furthering the career goals of the selected candidates. It is a Programme that will give successful candidates a well-rounded Jamaican experience.

THE INTERNSHIP

Selected candidates will work in a GraceKennedy subsidiary linked to their field of study, therefore granting them hands on experience in a wide range of industries. This internship will benefit the candidate in a variety of ways, including practical experience and mentorships. The internship will deepen awareness and connection to the candidates' Jamaican roots and may help to define future career paths and involvements in the diaspora community. GraceKennedy will provide airfare from select airports, housing, ground transportation and stipend for the selected candidates.

THE CULTURAL COMPONENT

Selected candidates will be taken on a variety of weekend programmes called Heritage Pathways, which will expose them to the Jamaican heritage by immersing them in our historic sites, natural and human resources, and of course, our beaches!

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

- Candidates must complete an application form online
- Along with the application form, the candidate will be required to include:
  - A headshot photo
  - Unofficial transcript of college/university grades
  - Resume
  - Educational and character references
  - Copy of your birth certificate
  - Proof of Jamaican parentage: Copy of birth certificate of your Jamaican parent/ grandparent, death certificate, passport
  - An essay: “Jamaica is diverse and culturally rich. How has your Jamaican heritage inspired you and influenced you as a person?”

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be between the ages of 18 to 25 years old
- Be a registered full-time student at a university at the time of application and pursuing an undergraduate or post graduate degree
- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above (i.e. a ‘B’ average or higher; or 2.1 equivalent for UK)
- Demonstrate leadership skills and active involvement in diaspora/social activities

HOW DO INTERESTED STUDENTS ACCESS THE APPLICATION FORM?

- Students may visit https://www.gracekennedy.com for more information and the application link