



Rules and Guidelines

- Competition is open for Amateur Film makers aged 12-18 years (YOUTH) and 19 years and Over (ADULT).
- Interested entrants are required to create a 3-5 minutes Treatment for a Short Film by selecting one of the Categories/Genres (Animation, Documentary, Sci-fi, Drama or Comedy) and based on one of the following Jamaican Sayings/ Proverbs:

1. Nuh mek yuh lef han kno wha yuh right han a do.

TRANSLATION: Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: It is best to keep some things a secret even from those who are close to you.

2. Nuh dash wey yuh tick before yuh dun crass riva.

TRANSLATION: Do not throw away your stick before you have gone across the river.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Don't celebrate until your victory is confirmed; Be sure you are safe before you commend yourself.



3. Igle jackass falla cane trash guh a poun.

TRANSLATION: Stray jackass is taken to the animal pound.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Inactivity is detrimental; someone with nothing to do will get into trouble.

4. Wen coco ripe, im mus buss.

TRANSLATION: When cocoa ripens, it bursts.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: it is easy to identify the intentions of an individual by his/her actions; People can only take so much before they respond.

5. Same nife tick di sheep tick di goat.

TRANSLATION: Same knife that sticks the sheep will stick the goat..

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Be careful of people who make uncomplimentary remarks about others. People who gossip about others will one day gossip about you.

- Treatment should include Name and contact information, Working Title, List of Characters and a Synopsis of the story (paragraph).
- Screenplay treatment should be submitted to drama@jcdc.gov.jm by June 18, 2022.
- The announcement of the top Treatment will be on June 25, 2022
- The top ten(10) feasible treatments will be short listed and contacted for a workshop by June 30, 2022;
- Participants will then work on their films with a mentor from our team to complete the film by August 13, 2022.
- Films must be shot in Landscape format (16:9).
- The use of any software to edit video, audio or special effects are allowed.
- *Films should be 3-5 minutes and credits no longer than 50 seconds.*
- Films with expletives, pornography and excessive violence will not be accepted by the JCDC's Drama Unit.
- Rating should be PG or conducive for family viewing.
- Final submission of completed films by August 13, 2022.
- Experienced film makers and previously produced screen plays are not eligible.



- **The adjudication process and announcement of winners will be completed by August 25, 2022.**