



Rules and Guidelines 2024

- Competition is open for Amateur Film makers aged 12-18 years (YOUTH) and 19 years and Over (ADULT).
- First time entrants only.
- 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. Sweet mout fly follow coffin go a hole

TRANSLATION: A sweet mouth fly will follow a coffin into the burial plot(hole).

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: A Warning that the pursuit of luxury may go too far and lead to ruin.

2. Puss nuh hab han, but him tek him foot fi wipe him face



TRANSLATION: Puss (cat) does not have hands; however, he takes his foot and uses it to wipe his face.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Adapt yourself to your circumstances.

3. Keep clear a ole house, les dem fall down pon you.

TRANSLATION: Keep away from old houses because they may fall on you.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Avoid trouble lest you be implicated.

4. Rockstone a riber bottom no feel sun hot.

TRANSLATION: A Rockstone at the bottom of the river does not feel the heat of the sun.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Those in easy circumstances do not realize the hardships of others.

5. Finger tink, yu cyaan cut eh trow 'way

TRANSLATION: If your finger stinks, you cannot cut it off and throw it away.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: If your relatives are ever so bad you should not cast them off.

- Treatment should include Name and contact information, Working Title, List of Characters and a Synopsis of the story (paragraph).
- Submission of Screenplay treatments will open on Monday 10, June and may be submitted by email to drama@jcdc.gov.jm by July 13, 2024.
- Once submitted, a registration form will be sent to the participant electronically.
- There will be Mandatory virtual Workshops on June 26-28, 2024.



- Then participants will work on their films with a mentor from our team to complete the film by September 21, 2024.
- The participant(s) needs to have at least 3 interactions with the mentor.
- 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 in length without credits.*
- Films with expletives, pornography and excessive violence will not be accepted by the JCDC.
- Rating should be PG or conducive for family viewing.
- Final submission of completed films by September 21, 2024.