

Programme

Musical Prelude

National Anthem

MC's Opening Remarks - Mr. Jeffrey Dawkins

Opening Number - Choreographed by Miss Jodian Anderson
Painite/NYCE Enterprise

Introduction - Contestants

Talent Showcase - Contestants

Evening Wear Parade - Contestants

Serenade - Mr. Askia Livingstone
2025 Jamaica Festival Song Finalist

Announcement of Sectional Prizes

On Stage Interviews

Guest Performance - Carlton "Dinho Gong" Mitchell

Final Appearance of Reigning Queen Miss Manchester Festival Queen 2025
Deneila Wright

Announcement of Runners-Up

Crowning of Miss Manchester Festival Queen 2026

Message

LENFORD SALMON, OD, JP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JCDC



It is both an honour and a privilege to lead an agency that continues to inspire, empower, and celebrate Jamaicans by preserving and promoting our culture. Among the many impactful programmes of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission, the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition remains one of the most significant expressions of leadership development, cultural pride, and female empowerment.

This year's theme, "The Jamaican Woman: Beauty Without Boundaries," perfectly captures the essence of the modern Jamaican woman, dynamic, resilient, innovative, and limitless in her potential. It recognizes that beauty extends far beyond physical appearance and is embedded in character, intelligence, purpose, and service to others.

The Festival Queen Competition is not simply about crowning a queen; it is about shaping women who will become leaders, advocates, and cultural ambassadors within their communities and across Jamaica. Every contestant embarks on a transformational journey that strengthens her confidence, broadens her perspective, and deepens her appreciation for Jamaican culture and identity.

We are especially proud to continue embracing inclusivity within the programme by extending the age eligibility to 30 years. This progressive approach reflects our understanding that growth, leadership, and achievement are not confined by age but are nurtured through opportunity and experience.

I encourage Jamaicans across the island to support the queen representing your parish. Stand with her, encourage her, and celebrate her journey as she proudly carries the spirit and aspirations of her community to the national stage.

To our sponsors, volunteers, families, and the committed staff of the JCDC, thank you for your unwavering dedication and partnership. Your support continues to strengthen the legacy and impact of this outstanding programme.

Together, let us continue to celebrate and invest in Jamaican women whose beauty, strength, and influence know no boundaries.

Message

GLENNETTE SINCLAIR, JP

CHAIRMAN,

MISS JAMAICA FESTIVAL QUEEN COMMITTEE



As we embark on the journey of the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition 2026, we do so in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa, a challenge that tested our resilience, unity and unwavering national spirit. While many communities continue the work of recovery and rebuilding, we are reminded that the strength of Jamaica is found not only in our landscapes and institutions, but most importantly in our people.

This year's theme, "The Jamaican Woman: Beauty Without Boundaries," celebrates the extraordinary women who continue to inspire, lead, nurture and transform our nation. Beauty without boundaries is reflected in the courage of the women who stood strong during the storm, the mothers who protected their families, the community leaders who organized relief efforts and the young women who continue to dream and achieve despite adversity.

The Jamaica Festival Queen Competition has always been more than a pageant. It is a platform that highlights intelligence, cultural awareness, leadership and service. Our contestants embody the values that define Jamaica at its best - determination, creativity, compassion and pride in our heritage.

As we move forward together, let us use this year's competition as an opportunity to celebrate resilience, encourage hope and recognize the limitless potential of Jamaican women. Their contributions transcend geography, circumstance and expectation. They are a testament to the fact that true beauty is found in character, purpose and the ability to uplift others.

I also extend sincere gratitude to our contestants, sponsors, volunteers, the parish committees and the dedicated staff of the JCDC whose commitment has made this year's programme possible. May this competition continue to inspire excellence and strengthen our collective vision for a brighter Jamaica.

Together, we rise. Together, we rebuild. Together, we celebrate the beauty of Jamaican women without boundaries.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Glennette Sinclair, MBA, JP

Message

MRS. ANDREA HINDS-MCCURDY ACTING DIRECTOR, CCDS, JCDC



The Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition continues to stand as one of Jamaica's most cherished cultural programmes, dedicated to discovering, developing, and celebrating intelligent, confident, and culturally aware young women. Year after year, our parish queens exemplify leadership, creativity, poise, and an unwavering pride in Jamaican culture and identity.

This year's theme, "The Jamaican Woman: Beauty Without Boundaries," speaks to the limitless strength and remarkable diversity of Jamaican women. It reminds us that beauty is reflected not only in appearance but also in purpose, resilience, compassion, intellect, and the ability to influence others positively. Jamaican women continue to break barriers, redefine possibilities, and lead with excellence in every sphere of society.

The 2026 Jamaica Festival Queen Parish Coronation season promises to be an extraordinary celebration of culture, empowerment, and community spirit. Across the island, contestants have been engaged in rigorous training, personal development, and community outreach initiatives designed to prepare them for leadership and cultural ambassadorship.

To our parish contestants I congratulate you for boldly stepping into this journey and embracing the opportunity to grow, inspire, and serve. You are a true reflection of the beauty, brilliance, and boundless potential of the Jamaican woman. You are all queens in your own right.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to our sponsors, volunteers, supportive families, parish coordinators, and the hardworking JCDC staff whose dedication continues to sustain and strengthen this programme. Your commitment ensures that the Jamaica Festival Queen Competition remains a platform that celebrates not only beauty but also leadership, purpose, culture, and national pride.

Meet the Contestants



Ashleigh Spence

Miss Gateway Pharmacy

Ashleigh is a 23-year-old Community Manager and Freelance Marketing Strategist, with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and a minor in Human Resource Development. Creative, visionary and energetic, she is passionate about the arts, Jamaican culinary culture, cuisine and using creativity as a tool for cultural expression.

Her journey includes student leadership, youth advocacy, content creation and service through several school, church and community-based initiatives.

With interests in dancing, singing, choreography, cooking, graphic design and video editing, Ashleigh continues to blend creativity with purpose.

She lives by the philosophy: “Take a bet on yourself — an open door only works if you walk through it.”



Meet the Contestants



Shanelle-Rose Spencer

*Miss Power Services Company
Limited*

Shanelle-Rose is a 23-year-old Quality Assurance Officer with a Bachelor of Science in Food Service Management from the University of Technology, Jamaica. Confident, creative and grounded, she is passionate about music, dance, creative arts, makeup artistry and using her talents to uplift others.

Through her church ministry, she expresses her faith through music and dance, while also giving back through outreach performances and community events. She has also volunteered her makeup artistry skills at a school's Girls' Day initiative, helping to build confidence and self-expression among

young girls. She lives by the philosophy: "Do not go where the path may lead... go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Meet the Contestants



Melissa Flinch

Miss COURIERJAMAICA

Melissa is a 30-year-old Medical Doctor with Manchester Health Services, whose academic journey spans Medicine, Basic Medical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Mass Communication. Warm, engaging and confident, she is passionate about youth empowerment, mental health awareness and using her voice to inspire holistic wellness.

She is the Founder and Executive Director of Free Your Mind Foundation Ja, a youth-led non-profit organization empowering Jamaicans to prioritize mental wellness through education, community initiatives and volunteerism. Her work has also earned her the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award in 2025.

With interests in sewing, fashion design, event hosting, planning and décor, Melissa continues to merge service, creativity and purpose. She lives by the philosophy: “Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone expects of you.”



The Bridge Between the United States and our Homeland

Meet the Contestants



Brianna Salmon

Miss Heaven's Fesco

Compassionate, vibrant and passion-driven, Brianna is a 23-year-old final year Sociology major with a minor in Management Studies. She has a strong interest in climate change, environmental care and feminism, with a deep commitment to advocacy and social impact.

Brianna has served in several youth leadership spaces, including the Jamaica Union of Tertiary Students, UWI Guild committees, the Rex Nettleford Hall Debate & Public Speaking Society, the Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network and the National Youth Parliament of Jamaica. Through these roles, she continues to use her voice to champion inclusion, social justice and opportunities for young people.

She enjoys writing poetry, reading, watching anime and connecting with stories that inspire imagination and change. Her philosophy is: “It is better to fail forward, than to stand and wonder what would have happened had you tried.”



Meet the Contestants



Khalia Johnson

Miss C&D Construction & Engineering Limited

Khalia is a 22-year-old Office Manager, Executive Legal Assistant and Public Relations Practitioner, with a BA in Communication Studies, emphasising Public Relations. Confident, faith-based and service-oriented, she is passionate about youth empowerment, Adventist youth ministry, cultural preservation, leadership and nation-building.

Her commitment to service is reflected in her work as a church Youth Director, Assistant Public Relations Officer for the Manchester Adventist Youth Federation and tutor in English and Chemistry. She has also served in student leadership at Northern Caribbean University, where she contributed to governance, advocacy and

student development, earning the Citizenship Award in 2024. Khalia lives by the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: “The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.”



C&D Construction and Engineering Limited

Meet the Contestants

Danae Ellis

Miss Aqua Aesthetics & Spa



Danae is a 23-year-old High School Educator of Health and Family Life Education, with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. With a deep interest in understanding human behaviour beyond the surface, she is passionate about mental health, creative expression and inspiring young people through the arts.

Bubbly, spontaneous and creative, Danae enjoys everything art-related, including drawing, painting, dubbing, singing and acting. Inspired by Louise Bennett's powerful use of poetry to celebrate Jamaican identity on the international stage. Danae also hopes to establish herself as a poet and use her voice to encourage young people across Jamaica

and beyond to care for their mental health. She lives by the philosophy: "If I can't do it, God can."



Miss Manchester Festival Queen 2025

Deneila Wright



"Likkle but tallawah"— not only a phrase I would use to describe myself, but the heart of my reign as Queen. What felt like just a few fleeting moments became much more.

One of the moments I'm most proud of was creating my parish project, "Likkle More Leaders". Through it, I had the honour of teaching students across Manchester that leadership starts with finding your voice. We debated, we stumbled, and we grew. I didn't just teach them technique, I shared my own story. And I watched as those students spoke with confidence, and believed they too could lead.

I came in hoping to leave a mark. Instead, my Manchester family...you left one on me. You taught me that leadership isn't about being the loudest, or the oldest in the room. Sometimes it's showing up consistently, listening intently, and pouring into others even when your own cup is half empty. So yes, it's bittersweet to say goodbye

Bitter, because this chapter closes. Sweet, because of everything we built together. I may be passing the crown, but I'm not leaving the mission. Manchester made me taller, braver and even more tallawah.

Thank you for trusting me. Love uno bad bad...your 2025 queen,

Deneila Wright.

Sectional Prizes

Most Culturally Aware

Trophy Courtesy of Sagicor
Cash Award Courtesy of Pioneer Chocolates

Best Performance

Trophy Courtesy of Airports Authority of Jamaica
Cash Award Courtesy of Cameron Industries & Joinery Ltd

Most Congenial

Trophy Courtesy of the National Housing Trust
Cash Award Courtesy of Dr. Clive Lai

Most Active in the Community

Trophy Courtesy of Passport, Immigration & Citizenship Agency
Cash Award Courtesy of Central Smiles Dental Care

Most Poised

Trophy Courtesy of HEART NSTA Trust
Cash Award Courtesy of Christopher Grant & Associates

Most Popular on Social Media

Trophy Courtesy of Universal Service Fund
Cash Award Courtesy of Lasco Micro Finance Limited

All contestant will receive:

Certificate of participation from JCDC
Gift Courtesy of Painite/Nyce Enterprises
Lipstick packages from Beyond Her Lipgloss Line
Gift Baskets courtesy of QVC Financial Solutions Limited

Main Prizes

Miss Manchester Festival Queen 2026 will receive:

- \$150,000.00 courtesy of JCDC
- Trophy courtesy of JCDC
- Gift Basket courtesy of Pioneer Chocolates
- Bouquet of Flowers courtesy of JCDC
- Gift courtesy of Creative Nails
- Gift Basket courtesy of Medpak Pharmacy
- Gift certificate from Mandeville & Wellness Resort
- Free Cleaning & Whitening from Central Smiles
- Gift courtesy of Alabaster Box
- Professional Head shots by LSALM Photography
- Floral Arrangement by Zendish Gardens

1st Runner Up will receive:

- Cash Award valued at \$100, 000 Courtesy of JCDC
- Trophy Courtesy of JCDC
- A bouquet courtesy of JCDC
- Gift Courtesy of Creative nails
- Gift certificate from Mandeville & Wellness Resort
- Gift Basket from Global Travel Services
- Free Cleaning from Central Smiles

2nd Runner Up will receive:

- Cash Award valued at \$80, 000 Courtesy of JCDC
- Trophy Courtesy of JCDC
- A bouquet of flowers courtesy of JCDC
- Gift certificate from Mandeville & Wellness Resort
- Gift courtesy of Creative Nails
- Free Cleaning from Central Smiles

Acknowledgements

Parish Team

Miss Casmarine Daley – Regional Manager
Mr. Andrion Miller – Parish Manager
Miss Camille Daley – Parish Administrator
Miss Amelia Biggs – Records Officer
Miss Simone White – Office Attendant

Festival Queen Committee

Miss Kerryanna Leslie
Miss Victoria Cole
Mrs. Karlene Kelly-Reid
Miss Krista McKoy
Mrs. Rhona McKoy
Miss Sharmica Holness
Mr. Delroy James
Miss Jenica Smith
Mrs. Alicia Green, JP
Miss Shonnoya Houston

Trainers

Miss Victoria Cole
Miss Kerryanna Leslie
Mrs. Karlene Kelly-Reid
Mr. Delroy James
Miss Cigale Walters
Miss Shonnoya Houston

Judges

Dr Winston Tolan, JP
Dr Dominique Reid Henry
Ms. Kayan Milwood

Rehearsal Space Provided By Painite/NYCE Enterprise

Acknowledgements

Production Team

Miss Carreen Walton	Stage Manager
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Mr. Rohan Wilkinson	Spot Light
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Mr. Orando White	Live Stream Support
Mr. Ronolad Wilson	Driver
Mr. Oneil Brown	Event Production Assistant
Mr. Stephen Morgan	Event Production Assistant
Miss Ashley Bolton	Make Up Artist
Miss Kerine Ellis	Chief Auditor
Miss Shonnoya Houston	Assistant Auditor

Festival Queen Winners from Manchester 2011-2025

