

Nominations open for Jamaica's 2013 National Honours and Awards

Members of the public are invited to nominate outstanding citizens for admittance to the national honour societies: Order of Merit; Order of Jamaica; Order of Distinction and Badges of Honour for gallantry, long and meritorious service, and long and faithful service.

Nominations must be received by the Chancery of the Order of the Society of Honour, Jamaica House, no later than March 31, 2013 and the approved list will be published on Independence Day.

Nomination forms are available in Jamaica from mayors, custodes, organisations assigned to ministries such as the Jamaica Library Service and the parish councils; organisations associated with ministries - such as professional organisations and voluntary organisations – and overseas missions.

For those resident overseas, the form can be downloaded at any time from the Office of the Prime Minister's website www.opm.gov.jm

Nomination forms must supply data on the nominees including a brief biographical outline, including achievements or details of service rendered.

Citizens other than Jamaicans can be nominated, but the Government of Jamaica must get approval of the relevant commonwealth or foreign government. Nominations for National Hero are not by public submission, but by deliberations by a committee of Parliament.