VISA APPLICATION GUIDELINES

General Requirements:

- Original Passport
- One Passport-size Photo
- Completed Application Form
- Completed Affidavit Form (if national of Kosovo, Palestine or Taiwan)
- Application Fee (see visa fees listing)
- Proof of Accommodation (hotel reservation/ letter from person in Jamaica the applicant will be staying with & copy of their ID)
- Travel Itinerary. Those who intend to enter Jamaica for reasons other than work/ permanent residency must provide a return itinerary to the USA. If the applicant does not reside in the USA, an itinerary showing the return leg to their country of residence must be submitted). **Tentative itineraries are accepted.**
- Proof of Legal Status in the USA

Supporting Documents:

**Tourism** – bank statement & job letter OR if the trip is being sponsored, letter from sponsor, sponsor’s bank statement and copy of sponsor’s passport.

**Business** – letter from USA company clearly outlining the activities that will be undertaken in Jamaica, length of stay, expenses that will be covered etc.

**Employment** – Work Permit letter issued by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, letter from employer.

**Missionary work** – Work exemption permit letter from Ministry of Labour and Social Security and letter from organization in Jamaica (employer).

**Entry visa on the basis of being married to a Jamaican** – marriage certificate, copies of spouse’s Birth Certificate and passport.
Entry visa for persons who will be applying for permanent residence in Jamaica on the basis of retirement – proof of retirement, bank statement.

Student – acceptance letter from school in Jamaica and bank statement/letter from sponsor, bank statement, copy of sponsor’s passport.

PROCESSING TIME AND SUBMISSION

Visas are processed within 10 business days, if the application is compliant. Applicants are encouraged to submit application no less than three weeks but no more than six weeks from the date of the intended travel date.

PAYMENT

Payment is to be made by money order payable to “Embassy of Jamaica”. Applicants are required to submit a prepaid self-addressed envelope with the application or submit an additional payment of $20 to cover the mailing fee. Visa fees are non-refundable.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Holders of a valid US Green Card do not require a visa to enter Jamaica for tourism.

- US Green Card holders who are Nationals of countries that require an Affidavit must also travel with a completed and certified Affidavit.

- Cruise Ship passengers do not require a visa to enter Jamaica. However, passengers must be entering and existing Jamaica on the cruise ship.