

## JAGCE AWARDS

These are available to members each year via the recommendations of the Awards Committee in each Region to the National Awards Committee. The majority of Awards are presented at the Annual Conference held each year in December but awards may be presented at the Half Yearly Conference and at the Service for the Launch of Counsellors Week respectively.

The Awards are:

### **MEMBERS SUPPORT AWARDS**

- Administrators Support Award
- Most Supportive Guidance & Counselling Education Officers Award
- Sponsors Awards

### **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS PART A**

- Long Service Award
- Hospitality and Service Awards (Named in Honour of Mrs. Jeanette Green)
- Customer Service Awards
- Fine Print Awards
- Ace of Initiative
- Scholarships and Bursaries

### **PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION AWARDS**

- Most Supportive Regional President
- Most Supportive Team Member
- President's Award of Excellence

### **MEMBERS AWARDS PART B**

- Most Supportive Region/Region of the Year
- Retires Awards
- Award of Excellence
- JAGCE Stalwart Award
- Hall of Fame
- Counsellor of the Year
- All Star Awards



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**JAMAICA  
ASSOCIATION  
OF GUIDANCE  
COUNSELLORS  
IN EDUCATION**

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## **BRIEF HISTORY OF JAGCE**

The year 1974 is a landmark period in the history of Guidance and Counselling in Jamaica. The Ministry of Education responded to the need of youth by creating posts for Guidance Counsellors in the island's secondary and tertiary institutions. At that time however, there were very few trained counsellors, so the need for the training of teachers/personnel became a priority issue. The inauguration of the then National Association of Guidance Counsellors in Education (NAGCE) began after the placement of counsellors into the institutions commenced, which was in response to the critical need for support for the growing professional group. The association then became JNAGCE which was later change by resolution in 1998, to date JAGCE.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Jamaica Association of Guidance Counsellors in Education facilitates the economic, intellectual and professional development of the Counsellor, in order to encourage efficient and effective delivery of counselling services to educational institutions and to the wider society – through its preventive, interventive, supportive and administrative components.*

## **BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER**

- ✧ Being educated on the continuous changes relevant to the profession of Guidance Counsellors and empowered to maximize on the opportunities to develop self.
- ✧ Being a part of an active Association that focuses on counsellors needs, and holistic development.
- ✧ Being a part of an Association that liaise with other stakeholders on the issue of salaries, conditions of service and policy developments.
- ✧ Belonging to an Association that plans and executes professional development for

Guidance Counsellors through seminars eg. Half yearly, Annual Conference, and other training activities.

- ✧ To be able to reinforce leadership skills and develop public speaking exposure.
- ✧ Belonging to an Association that facilitates structured and organized way of communicating concerns and updating Guidance Counsellors on relevant issues relating to the practice.
- ✧ Belonging to an Association that provides professional status and support for Members.
- ✧ Belonging to an Association that provide awards and recognition of deserving Members.
- ✧ Belonging to an Association that supports Members in times of difficulties in responsible and positive ways to include psychological support.
- ✧ Belonging to a representational Body that is the voice of the Guidance and Counselling Fraternity in the National and International Arena

## **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER**

Any practising counsellor, counselling student, or individual affiliated to the counselling profession desiring to be a member shall make written application to the Association. The applicant shall become a member of the Association upon approval of the application and the payment of the required fee. The completed application form should be returned directly to the National Office. It can also be handed to the Regional or Parish President who will then deliver to the National Office. The membership fee is Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00) payable yearly to NCB Account number: 501021865 (Mandeville Branch).

***If you require further information please contact the National Office***

## **MEMBERS AT WORK**

***We Care, We Share and We Make Others Aware***



## **OPERATIONS**

The Association is operated using a Constitution, Bylaws and a Code of Ethics. The Major decisions are taken at the Half Yearly and Annual Conferences. During the Conference year the Association is managed by a National Executive Body consisting of the following positions:

### **Elected**

President  
President Elect  
Immediate Past President  
General Secretary  
Assistant General Secretary  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Public Relations Officer  
Assistant Public Relations Officer  
Negotiation Chair (Representative to the JTA Salaries and Conditions of Service Committee)

### **Representational**

Seven (7) Regional Presidents  
Twelve (12) Parish Presidents

### **Appointed**

All Committee Chairs (The President's Cabinet)