



# Application Kit & Application Form



## Application Form

Places in UWC are offered on a competitive basis. The application is carefully reviewed by a panel of alumni and other experts. From the initial list of applicants a short list is chosen for an interview with members of the National Committee and invited panelists.

**If you are submitting via email, please remember to change the name of this document to include your name before you submit.**

### Personal information

Surname(s):	
Legal first name(s):	
Preferred Name (if different):	
Middle name (only if noted on passport):	
Sex:	
Gender Identity:	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):	
Nationality:	
Do you have a valid passport?	
Country of Birth:	
Country of citizenship (on which passport would you travel):	
Email address:	
Home Phone: (876-####-####)	876-####-####
Cell phone: (876-####-####)	876-####-####
<b><u>Permanent Home Address</u></b>	
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory/ Region:	
Post code:	
Country:	

<b><u>Courier Address</u> (to receive posted mail, if different from home address)</b>	
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory/ Region:	
Post code:	
Country:	
Phone: (876-###-####)	876-###-####

## How did you hear about UWC?

- ☐ Teacher/Guidance Counsellor
- ☐ Principal
- ☐ College Counsellor
- ☐ Friend/Family
- ☐ Alumni
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Social Media

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** UWC runs short courses and summer programmes to bring a UWC education and the UWC mission to a wider audience. Every short course is different, but they are usually residential and take place over one to three weeks. The courses are experiential and immersive, typically bringing together 30 - 60 young people from different backgrounds. As part of this application process you may choose to also be considered for a short course, in particular if you are unsuccessful with your application for a 2 year programme.

*The answer you give below will not affect your chances of being offered a place in one of the UWC schools or colleges.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## Health information

This form is for internal UWC purposes only. This includes the UWC committee making the selection, the UWC school or college making the admissions decision and UWC International for monitoring purposes only. The content will be shared with individuals or organisations only to the extent necessary to provide appropriate medical assessments, care and treatment.

The information provided will be held in confidence as part of the student's health record and will only be shared between UWC entities as needed to appropriately review a particular situation concerning the student. Information may be shared in the form of anonymised data with a UWC entity or an outside entity monitoring health concerns across UWC on behalf of a UWC entity.

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (A disability is an impairment that has (or is likely to have) a substantial, adverse, long-term effect on the ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.)	
Do you have any additional health needs? (for example: you take regular medication, allergies)	
Do you take any medication, including non-prescription, regularly? (Please include allergy tablets, birth control, vitamins, and minerals.)  Will you bring this medication to the school/college?	
Have you ever required treatment or hospitalisation for any surgical, medical, or mental health condition?	
Have you ever had or do you currently have any mental health concerns, such as depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts or attempts, self-harm, eating disorders (anorexia nervosa, bulimia), disturbance of mood, thought or behaviour?	
Have you ever received care or treatment from a mental health practitioner or facility?	
Do you have any learning difficulties?	
Do you have limited mobility?	

## School information

Please provide information about your current or most recent schooling.

Name of School:	
What type of school is this school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Funded <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> International School <input type="checkbox"/> Residential or Boarding School <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschool <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Number of years spent at this school	
Current year/grade	
Have you completed any qualifications, or have you been awarded any diploma in the past three years? e.g. CSEC  If yes, please specific which qualification/diploma	
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory/ Region:	
Post code:	
Country:	
School Phone: (876-####-####)	876-####-####
Email address of school:	
Name of Head of School:	
Email of Head of School:	
Name of Guidance Counsellor (if any):	
Email of Guidance Counsellor (if any):	
Did you receive a scholarship at this school? If yes, please provide details of the scholarship.	

## Academic Info

1. Have you completed any level CSEC/CAPE/CXC examinations? Yes/ no

If you have completed any level of CXC examinations please provide us with a copy of your CXC certificates.

2. List the subjects you are currently taking in school and your most recent grades, or predicted grades. If you have completed any level of CSEC/CAPE/CXC, please include those scores here.

**Please note that if any CSEC subjects have been submitted a copy of the certificate must be submitted along with the application.**

For each subject you list, please indicate whether this is the most recent grade, a predicted grade, or an achieved CSEC-CXC grade.

Subject	Grade (%)	Most Recent / Predicted CSEC - CXC

## Writing Sample

Submit an example of your favourite writing you have done for a class at school.

This sample must be from an English class – English Language, English Literature, Communication Studies – and must have been written since the start of your previous school year (if you are in grade 11, it can be written in grade 10 or grade 11).

(350-500 words)

**Note:**

We want to see your writing at its best! So if you have to re-read and edit the assignment, you can do that. If your teacher gave you comments, you can apply those and submit with the changes. If your assignment is too long, you can edit some things out.

If you do edit it, you can put a note to let us know.

You can submit your writing sample as a file, or you can paste the writing into the box below.

What is the question being answered?

Paste the assignment instructions given by your teacher, here. Include any specific details they asked for.

Add your writing sample here.

## Extracurricular Information

What are your favorite extracurricular activities (in and/or outside of school)? For example, clubs, creative activities, employment, sports, volunteer projects or other hobbies.  
Please list up to 6 activities that you do and how you are involved.

Activity	How you are involved	Length of time involved

From the activities listed above (either in or out of school), choose an activity that you love. Explain how you feel it relates to any of the UWC ideals of peace, sustainability and international understanding.

(300 words or less)



## Application Written Responses

UWC candidates have a wide range of personalities and passions. We want you to tell us about your motivations, your values and what you might gain from a UWC education and the International Baccalaureate.

For each of the following questions there is no right answer, but we do expect your answers to be honest and truthful. Your answer should tell us about your ideas, interests and experiences in your own words.

Describe your ideal Jamaica?  
(100 words or less)

Why do you want to go to UWC, and how would you like to contribute to the UWC movement?  
(500 words or less)

Please choose ONE of the questions below to answer. Do NOT answer all the questions.

1. What is the truest thing that you know? How did you come to this conclusion?
2. Take a blank sheet of paper. Do with this page what you wish but your page should not be blank. Your only limitations are the boundaries of this page. Scan or take a picture and upload your page. If your piece is largely or exclusively visual, please make sure to share a creator's accompanying statement of 100 - 500 words, which we will happily allow to be on its own, separate page.
3. Imagine you could be bold and brave for a day, just what would you do?
4. "If you could choose to be raised by robots, dinosaurs, or aliens, who would you pick? Why?"

(500 words or less)

**Optional: Use this space to share anything else that you think is important for us to consider when reviewing your application. This can be a space to explain away things in grades or extracurriculars, or anything else you think would help us get to know you. (100 words or less)**

If you are submitting via email, please remember to change the name of this document to include your name before you submit.

Signature:

Date:

## Attachments.

Please remember to attach the following items to your email, if you have them, when you submit your application.

Photograph	
Copy of passport	
Most recent high school report card	
Previous high school report card/transcript	
Results of CSEC / CXC exams	
Results of CAPE exams	
Evidence of disability, if relevant	
Evidence of additional health needs, if relevant	
Evidence of learning difficulty, if relevant	

**Parent/Guardian 1.** To be completed by the person(s) who has legal duty of care for the student

Relationship to student:	
Family name / Surname / Last name:	
First name/ given name(s):	
	<u>Permanent Home Address (if different from student's)</u>
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory:	
Post code:	
Country:	
Home Phone: (876-###-####)	876-###-####
Cell Phone: (876-###-####)	876-###-####
Email:	
Occupation	
Annual Net Income: (JMD)	

To be completed by the person who has legal duty of care for the student.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Parent/Guardian 2.** If another parent or guardian also has legal duty of care for the student (regardless of whether they reside in the same household), this **MUST** be completed by or for that parent or guardian.

Relationship to student:	
Family name / Surname / Last name:	
First name/ given name(s):	
	<u>Permanent Home Address (if different from student's)</u>
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory:	
Post code:	
Country:	
Home Phone: (876-###-####)	876-###-####
Cell Phone: (876-###-####)	876-###-####
Email:	
Occupation	
Annual Net Income: (JMD)	

To be completed by the person who has the legal duty of care for the student.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs) on applying to UWC.

### Is there an age limit for applications?

- Several of our schools and colleges have strict age restrictions since all students share the same campus.
- Age restrictions also vary from country to country. Most of our national committees require students to be between the ages of 16 and 17 when they arrive to the colleges, but some accept applications from younger and older candidates.
- In Jamaica, we will accept applicants who are 18 by the time they begin their UWC education.

### I am not fluent in English, does this matter?

- No. Do not be discouraged from applying to UWC because of a lack of fluency in English. It is not a requirement to apply, but it can be one of the factors evaluated during selection.

### Can you help me with a scholarship for further education (university etc)?

- UWC does not offer scholarships for university or further tertiary education.

### Where does the funding for UWC come from and how are the scholarships for UWC students paid for?

- The scholarships are provided either by the colleges or by the national committees through their own localised fundraising
- Donors to UWC include philanthropists, private companies, governments and alumni.

### Can I attend UWC for only one year or transfer into a UWC from another IB school for my last year?

- No. At our pre-university colleges, the UWC experience is two years long. There are no opportunities for transfer into or between the schools/colleges. Credits from previous IB study may not be transferred.

### I have dual nationality. Which national committee should I apply through?

- You are only able to apply to UWC through one national committee, regardless of the numbers of nationalities you have.
- Your first point of contact should be the national committee in the country you reside in, since virtually all selection processes will require you to attend personally.
- If this national committee is unable to accept your application, please contact the committee in the other country that you hold a passport.
- If neither national committee is able to accept your application, please contact [UWC International Office](#) for more information and guidance.

### I am a citizen/national of a country I no longer live in, and reside in a country I am not a citizen of. What national committee should I contact if I want to apply to UWC?

- First you should contact the national committee in the country where you live and ask if they accept applications from non-nationals.
- If the national committee tells you it is unable to consider your application because you are not a national/citizen, contact the national committee of the country where you are a national/citizen.
- If neither national committee is able to accept your application, please contact [the UWC International Office](#) for more information and guidance.
- Please ensure that you provide sufficient time to make these enquiries in order to avoid missing an application deadline.