

UWC 2024 Application Checklist

Whole Application

- ☐ If a stranger reads this application, would they walk away thinking that I have the following qualities?
Intellectual curiosity, Active commitment to your own values and those of UWC, Social competence, Resilience, self-awareness and independence, Personal responsibility and integrity; Academic robustness
- ☐ I submitted my grades.

English Class Writing Sample

- ☐ Between 350 and 500 words
- ☐ I included the prompt
- ☐ I used a spell-checker or asked for help from a teacher to fix any obvious errors

Extra-curricular Activities

- ☐ No more than 300 words
- ☐ I identify which one (or ones) of the UWC values (**peace, sustainability and international understanding**) my chosen activity relates to
- ☐ I talk about the role I play in the activity, and not just describe the activity

Ideal Jamaica

- ☐ No more than 100 words
- ☐ My answer is unique, just like me. It shows Jamaica through my eyes.
- ☐ My answer discusses a *holistic* and *critical* view of an issue or issues in Jamaican society.
 - Holistic means “seeing the big picture” and not just focusing on minor details
 - Critical means analysing different parts of an issue and not being one-sided

Why UWC

- ☐ No more than 500 words
- ☐ I answered both parts of the question
- ☐ I show that I researched the movement by including specific details about UWC
- ☐ I explain the things about UWC that I find appealing and say how I will take advantage of those things
- ☐ I talk about how UWC will help me achieve my personal and career goals
- ☐ I outline tangible, realistic ways of contributing to the UWC movement/promoting the UWC values
- ☐ My essay has a brief introduction and conclusion, and it is divided into paragraphs.

Long Answer Questions

- ☐ No more than 500 words
- ☐ Can be a formal essay (in which case, it should be organised in paragraphs, with an introduction and conclusion) OR creative writing (short story, poem, etc).
- ☐ Choose **ONE** question to answer.

A. What is the truest thing...

- ☐ My essay includes insight into my character. It is about my personal, unique experiences and could not have been written by anyone else.
- ☐ I show that I am critical and *reflective*
 - Reflective means having deep and careful thoughts about the past
- ☐ I take the reader on a journey of how I came to the conclusion

B. Take a blank sheet of paper...

- ☐ My artwork fits on one page
- ☐ My artist statement explains why I created the artwork, what the artwork means, and why the artwork matters

C. Imagine you could be bold and brave...

- ☐ I identify an issue that I would want to solve and why this issue matters to me
- ☐ I explain why I would need to be bold and brave to solve this issue
- ☐ I take the reader on a journey of how I solve the issue and what happens after
- ☐ I show that I am conscious about social issues and passionate about making change

D. If you could choose to be raised...

- ☐ I imagine what it would be like to be raised by robots, dinosaurs and aliens, and I discuss the pros and cons of each arrangement
- ☐ I draw a conclusion on which I would prefer, and I explain why I made that choice
- ☐ I show that I can think logically and make a well-structured, evidence-based argument