



National Council on Drug Abuse's (NCDA) Youth Lifestyle Leader Award



The **NCDA Youth Lifestyle Leader Award** which forms a part of the agency's new healthy drug free lifestyle ethos will be presented to a young man and woman who have demonstrated resilience and a commitment to a drug free lifestyle. The award is intended to give due recognition to young persons who have made and maintained healthy drug free lifestyle choices/decisions and, empower them to continue in these decisions by providing support toward the realization of their personal dreams and aspirations.

Winners of the awards will serve a term of 1 year, during which they will be actively engaged in the promotion of NCDA's healthy, drug free lifestyle initiatives by:

- Participating in or delivering drug awareness presentations along with field staff in schools and communities; and
- Participating in media items (print, radio, TV, website etc) as part of the NCDA's public education campaign.

Nominations will be open to young people between the ages of 13-18 years from across the island. Suitable candidates may be nominated by any individual, group or organization by submission of completed applications to the NCDA on or before the specified closing date. Nominations will open September 25 and close October 31, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Criteria for the award/judging includes:

- Demonstrated consistent good personal decision making
- Knowledge of substance abuse issues in Jamaica
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Demonstrated ability to stand up to, and resist peer pressure
- Involved in volunteerism or other community building activities – demonstrating empathy

Additional requirements

Must write a 250 - 300 word personal plan

Applications **must** be accompanied by two (2) recommendations from any of the following: Principal or Vice Principal, a Guidance Counsellor, Senior Teacher, Pastor, Head of an NGO, a senior member of the JCF (Sergeant, Inspector or Superintendent), Justice of the Peace, and the head of a recognized Professional or Service Organization.

The awards for the selected young persons would include:

- 2 Huawei Media Pads
- \$ 30,000 gift vouchers
- JMDS20,000 cash award