

JAMAICA LIFE MAGAZINE (JLM) WRITER GUIDELINES 2026/27

We welcome writers who share our editorial mission of empowering readers for a better future. These guidelines outline the types of content we publish, our editorial standards, and the submission process. Please read them carefully before submitting your article to ensure it meets our requirements.

EDITORIAL MISSION: EMPOWERING YOU FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Jamaica Life Magazine (JLM) is committed to empowering individuals, families, and businesses to build a better future. We are editorially independent, and our content is guided by our mission and journalistic standards - not by government, political, religious, or commercial interests.

EDITORIAL POLICY

To maintain the integrity of our publication, JLM reserves the right to decline any article that does not align with our values or standards. We are independent of any political parties or religious organisations. As such, we do not endorse any political or religious viewpoints.

EDITORIAL SECTIONS

JLM is organised into eight main sections excluding features:

- Family & Lifestyle
- Education & Career
- Money & Business
- Home & Property
- Health & Wellbeing
- Places & People
- Cultural Heritage & Arts
- Community & Diaspora

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

1. Informative, inspiring, or solution-focused, which has Jamaican, Caribbean, and diaspora appeal.
2. We like articles that introduce new ideas and advance conversations around topics and trends that engage and empower our readers.
3. JLM prefers submissions from contributors who are leaders in or knowledgeable about the topics we regularly cover.
4. An informal or opinion-led writing style is mandatory. Any academic writing style or excessive use of jargon will be rejected.
5. Potential contributors should; read several copies of JLM to familiarise themselves with our editorial content and style. Search our back issues online to see if it's a topic we have already covered.
6. Briefly tell us about your writing experience (including samples of your work), special areas of expertise or interest, and details of any story idea you would like to propose.
7. If we publish your story, you will be added to our contributors list. From that point, we may periodically contact you if we have a story available that we believe suits your writing style.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Department article: 500 - 900 words (1-2 pages).
2. Feature article: 1500 - 1800 words (3-4 pages).
3. Send a summary of your proposed article to the editor before submitting.
4. We aim to respond to pitches as soon as we can. There is no guarantee articles in time for a particular issue is not guaranteed publication, as late editorial changes are sometimes necessary.
5. All articles, solicited/unsolicited are subject to editing and published at the discretion of the editor(s).
6. Headlines and subheads may be changed, and photos or illustrations added, at our discretion.
7. All contributors may include a short biography (up to 30 words) including contact information.
8. At the editor(s) discretion, articles may be published in our print, digital or online edition.
9. Please pay attention to our copy dates as deadline extensions are granted only with careful consideration.
10. Send submissions to: editor@jamaicalife.org

EDITORIAL VERSUS ADVERTORIAL

Editorial content is an opinion article that follows our editorial writing style and submission guidelines. An advertorial is editorial-styled content used to promote or sell a particular product or service which is chargeable.

RIGHTS

By submitting, you confirm the work is your own and grant JLM the right to publish it in our print, digital and online editions. You retain ownership of your work and are free to republish it elsewhere after it has appeared in JLM, with a credit to JLM appreciated.

COMPENSATION

JLM is produced by a small, dedicated team, many of whom contribute on a voluntary basis in support of our editorial mission. Fees for freelance contributions are negotiable and vary depending on story length and complexity, for example an exclusive interview or a particularly sought-after story. In all cases, contributors are welcome to include a short biography of up to 30 words promoting their own work or services, with contact details, alongside a published piece.

HOW TO REACH US

Submit queries or several samples of previous work, to: editor@jamaicalife.org