



## GIA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) offers scholarships for its School of Business, School of Gemology, and School of Jewelry Manufacturing Arts. The following information and instructions will guide you through the process and help you accurately complete your application. Please read this thoroughly before filling out the application.

- Original signed scholarship applications along with supporting documents **must be received by GIA between June 15 and October 15** for consideration. Applications received before June 15 or after October 15 will not be processed.
- All GIA Scholarship awards are applied directly to the recipient's GIA tuition account **only**. Cash funds are not released directly to the student. Scholarship recipients are responsible for any tax liabilities that may apply.
- Scholarship awards must be used during the upcoming calendar year and are for new GIA enrollments **only**. Your current course or program will not be considered.
- Applications must be typed or legibly handwritten. Applications with incomplete or missing information, such as Income and Asset information, Essay, or Letters of Recommendation, will be disqualified.
- In addition to answering the questions on the application, applicants must submit at least one **original** letter of recommendation from an employer who is a current or past member of the jewelry industry. The letter must be on business letterhead, identifying the company or professional organization to which he/she belongs, and should explain why the applicant is being recommended as a scholarship recipient and why he/she will be successful in GIA's educational programs. A former employer or college professor may write the letter of recommendation if there is no history of employment in the jewelry industry. GIA policy does not allow faculty and staff to write letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation from parent(s) or relatives will not be considered.
- **GIA will not accept or consider copies of applications or applications sent via fax or e-mail.**
- GIA staff and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.
- All applicants must fully disclose any business relationship they have with GIA, **including any relationship as a client of the GIA Laboratory.**
- **U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident applicants** are eligible for On Campus scholarships to the following campuses only: GIA Carlsbad, GIA Los Angeles and GIA New York. Scholarships are also available for Distance Education and Lab Classes. Please submit the application and all supporting materials to GIA Carlsbad, The Robert Mouawad Campus, 5345 Armada Drive, MS 7, Carlsbad, CA 92008.
- **Non-U.S. citizen or non-U.S. resident applicants** are eligible for On Campus scholarships to the following campuses only: GIA India, GIA London or GIA Thailand. Applications and supporting documents for a scholarship to attend these campuses should be submitted directly to that campus.

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E: info@gialondon.co.uk

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Si Phraya, Bangrak  
Bangkok 10500, Thailand  
T: 662-237-9575, 662-237-9576,  
662-237-9577  
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- Scholarships for Distance Education courses are available to non-U.S. students living in a country where GIA does not have a campus.
- Applications and supporting documents for the Distance Education scholarships should be submitted to GIA Carlsbad.



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THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD IS JUNE 15 – OCTOBER 15  
(Applications received by GIA before June 15th or after October 15th will not be considered for a GIA Scholarship.)

**I. PERSONAL DATA (PLEASE PRINT)**

**Student Name**

Last/Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Social Security Number** (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_

**GIA Student Number** (if known)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Prov.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. State of legal residence**

\_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ (International Students)

**Current Mailing Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Prov.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Business Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** (Enter only one)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Gender** (optional)

Male  Female

**Date of Birth** MM/DD/YYYY (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a U.S. Citizen or a U.S. Permanent Resident?**

Yes  No

**II. WHICH PROGRAM DO YOU INTEND TO ENROLL IN DURING THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR?**

**Method of Study**

On Campus (Full-time)  Distance Education (Home Study)  Lab Class

**Anticipated Enrollment Date:** (Must be next calendar year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Program/Course Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**III. JEWELRY INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (PLEASE PRINT)**

**Employer's Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Employment** (From MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer's Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Prov.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you, or any family members, have a business relationship with GIA, or the GIA Laboratory?**  Yes  No

If yes, explain. \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you, or any of your immediate family members, owners of a jewelry business or employed in the jewelry industry?**  Yes  No

**Do you work for a jewelry store that utilizes Colormaster products?**  Yes  No

**Are you, or is your employer, a member of the Independent Jewelers Organization?**  Yes  No

If yes, what is the name of the IJO member? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you, or any members of your family, members of the California Jewelers Association?**  Yes  No

If yes, what is the name of the CJA member? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of the Lone Star GIA Alumni Chapter?**  Yes  No



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**IV. APPLICANT STATUS**

- Are you 24 years of age or older, as of today?  Yes  No  
 Are you married as of today?  Yes  No  
 Do you have any dependents other than a spouse?  Yes  No

If you checked yes to any of the above questions, skip the Parents Information and complete ONLY the Student and Spouse Information below.  
 If you checked no to all questions above, you and your parents must complete the information below.

**V. HOUSEHOLD AND INCOME INFORMATION** Complete the income and asset information in the currency of your country of residence.

**PARENTS INFORMATION** Type of currency \_\_\_\_\_

1. Total number of people in parent's household: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in above household who will attend post-secondary education: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Parents' gross income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Income reported above is for:  Two parent household  One parent household  
 3. Parents' total assets (savings, stocks, bonds, investments, etc.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT AND SPOUSE INFORMATION**

4. Total number of people in student's household: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in above household who will attend post-secondary education: \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Student's (and spouse's) gross income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Income reported above is for:  Two parent household  One parent household  
 6. Student's total assets (savings, stocks, bonds, investments, etc.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you (the student) have any other financial resources available, such as veterans benefits, vocational rehabilitation, scholarships, etc.?  
 If yes, list below.

TYPE	AMOUNT
\$	
_____	_____

**VI. STUDENT AND/OR PARENT CERTIFICATION**

I/WE CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.  
 I/WE AGREE TO SUBMIT PROOF OF INCOME OR ASSET INFORMATION IF REQUESTED  
 I/WE CERTIFY WE ARE NOT GIA EMPLOYEES NOR A MEMBER OF A GIA EMPLOYEE'S HOUSEHOLD.

By signing this document you are agreeing to release contact information to those sponsors of any scholarship you may be awarded. IF I AM AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP, I/WE AGREE TO RELEASE MY NAME, CITY/STATE/COUNTRY, PHOTOGRAPH AND THE AWARD NAME AND AMOUNT FOR PUBLICATION IN ANY MEDIUM SELECTED BY THE GEMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA.

STUDENT SIGNATURE	STUDENT PRINTED NAME	DATE
SPOUSE SIGNATURE	SPOUSE PRINTED NAME	DATE
PARENT SIGNATURE (if Parent information is provided in Section V.)	PARENT PRINTED NAME	DATE





## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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**If you need additional space to respond to the following essay question, please use a separate piece of paper. However, please limit your response to NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES.**

**What, in particular, makes you an exceptional candidate for a GIA scholarship? (Please describe yourself, your prior work and/or educational experience, and/or your career aspirations in your answer.)**



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