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## GIA Scholarship Information and Instructions

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The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) offers scholarships for its Gemology and Jewelry Manufacturing Arts programs, courses and Lab classes. The following information and instructions will guide you through the process and help you accurately complete your application.

- Complete only one original application and submit it along with supporting documents between June 15 and October 30 for consideration. Applications received before June 15 or after October 30 will not be considered.
- 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 legibly handwritten or typed. 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 they belong. The letter should explain why the applicant is being recommended as a scholarship recipient and why they 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 GIA faculty or staff to write letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation from parents or relatives will not be considered.
- GIA will NOT accept 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. Citizens and U.S. Permanent Residents

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident applicants are eligible for On-Campus scholarships for GIA campuses in Carlsbad and 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

### International Residents

- Scholarships for Distance Education courses are available to non-U.S. resident students.
- Non-U.S. citizen or non-U.S. resident applicants are eligible for On-Campus scholarships for GIA campuses in India, London or Thailand. Applications and supporting documents for a scholarship to attend these campuses should be submitted directly to that campus. U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents are not eligible to apply for international scholarships.

#### GIA India

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10th Floor  
Bandra-Kurla Complex  
Bandra (East)  
Mumbai 400 051, India  
T: 91.22.4085.1599  
E: [giaindiainfo@gia.edu](mailto:giaindiainfo@gia.edu)

#### GIA London

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London, U.K.  
WC1B 3LA  
T: 44.20.7813.4321  
E: [info@gialondon.co.uk](mailto:info@gialondon.co.uk)

#### GIA Thailand

Bisco Tower, 12-13th Floor  
56/12-14 & 16, Sub Road  
Si Phraya, Bangrak  
Bangkok 10500, Thailand  
T: 662.237.9575~7  
E: [gjathai@ksc.th.com](mailto:gjathai@ksc.th.com)

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If you have any questions, contact GIA Scholarships at: [scholarship@gia.edu](mailto:scholarship@gia.edu) or call 800.421.7250, ext 4175 or 760.603.4175 (if outside the U.S.).



The annual scholarship application period is June 15 – October 30.

Applications received by GIA before June 15 or after October 30 will not be considered for a GIA Scholarship.

### Student Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last/Surname (use full legal name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Suffix

\_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
GIA Student Number (if known)

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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender:  Male  Female

Are you a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident?  Yes  No  
 IF YES: State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 IF NO: Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address ADDRESS TYPE:  HOME  BUSINESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number, Street, Apt # or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Postal Code Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address GIA WILL USE FOR SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

### Jewelry Industry Employment History

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment (mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number, Street, Apt # or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State 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  
 IF YES: What is the name of the store? \_\_\_\_\_

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 are 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

Are you a San Diego County Resident?  
 Yes  No  
 IF YES: What is your resident address? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Your Learning Experience

Select the learning method and fill in the program/course name that you intend to enroll in during the next calendar year.

Choose only one.

On Campus (Full-time)

Distance Education

Lab class

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



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last/Surname First Middle Suffix

### Applicant Status

- Are you 24 years of age or older?  Yes  No  
 Are you married?  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 both sections below.

### Student and/or Parent Certification

I/we certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct. We are not GIA employees nor are we members of a GIA employee's household. We agree to submit proof of income or asset information if requested.

By signing this document I am agreeing to release contact information to those sponsors of any scholarship I may be awarded. If I am awarded a scholarship, I 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.

### Household and Income Information

#### PARENTS INFORMATION

Type of currency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of people in parent's household: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in above household who will attend post-secondary education: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' gross income: (based on the most current tax return): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' total assets (savings, stocks, bonds, investments, etc; based on the most current tax return): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Printed Name Date  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Printed Name Date  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Signature IF PARENT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED

#### STUDENT AND SPOUSE INFORMATION

Type of currency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of people in student's household: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in above household who will attend post-secondary education: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's (and spouse's) gross income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Printed Name Date

**IF YES, LIST BELOW**

TYPE	AMOUNT
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Last/Surname First Middle Suffix

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**Personal Statement** Attach printed or typewritten page(s) or hand print legibly below.

If you need additional space to respond to the following essay question, please use a separate piece of paper. Limit your response to **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.