

Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ NAME: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____ Suffix _____

PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED AT GIA? YES NO If Yes, please provide your student number _____

GIA Scholarship Instructions and Information

GIA now offers scholarships during two application periods each year for its Gemology and Jewelry Manufacturing Arts programs, courses, and lab classes.

Applications received between June 15 and October 30, 2011 will be considered for scholarships that can be applied toward on-campus or Distance Education eLearning programs and courses or lab classes with start dates for the upcoming calendar year. Applications received between March 1 and April 30, 2012 will be considered for scholarships that take place during the second half of that calendar year.

Please complete only one original application and submit it along with your letter of recommendation for consideration during the current scholarship application period. Applications received outside this period are not eligible for consideration.

The following information and instructions will guide you through the process and help you accurately complete your application. You may also visit the GIA website at www.gia.edu/scholarships

- **Letter of Recommendation:** 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 submitted as a PDF file, as an original letter, or as an email on the sender's company email account. If the letter of recommendation is submitted as a PDF file or an original letter, it must be on business letterhead, identifying the company or professional organization to which the author belongs. The letter should explain why the applicant is being recommended as a scholarship recipient and why the author believes the applicant 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. A letter of recommendation from parents or relatives will not be considered.
- Applications with incomplete or missing information, such as income and asset information, essay, or letter of recommendation, will be disqualified. Once your completed application is received, you will receive a confirmation email from GIA.
- All GIA Scholarship awards are applied directly to the recipient's GIA tuition account. Cash funds are not released directly to the student. Scholarship recipients are responsible for any tax liabilities that may apply.
- Scholarship awards may only be applied to 2012 tuition and fees and are for new GIA enrollments only. 2011 courses or programs are not eligible for a scholarship award.
- GIA staff and their immediate family members are not eligible for GIA Scholarship awards.
- Each applicant must fully disclose any business relationship he/she has with GIA, including any relationship as a client of the GIA Laboratory.
- **Submitting your Application:** While submitting your completed application and letter of recommendation online is the preferred method of receipt by GIA, you may also submit your application by postal mail or fax.
 - **Online:** Use the attached writeable and savable PDF format. Please complete, save, and submit your electronic application along with the letter of recommendation attached to the same email. If applying to study at an U.S. campus, submit your completed application

and letter of recommendation to scholarship@gia.edu and reference your last, then first name, followed by *2012 Scholarship Application* in the email subject line.

Example: Doe, Jane, 2012 Scholarship Application

- **Mail:** Complete the application, save, and print. Mail the application and your letter of recommendation to:

GIA
Office of Student Financial Assistance
MS 7
The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive
Carlsbad CA 92008
- **Fax:** Complete the application, save, and print. Fax the application and your letter of recommendation – along with a fax cover sheet including the number of pages of your fax to 760 603 4153.

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 ONLY. Scholarships are also available for Distance Education eLearning and lab classes.

International Resident Scholarships

- Scholarships for on-campus, Distance Education eLearning or lab classes are available to non-U.S. citizen and non-U.S. resident applicants.
- Non-U.S. citizen or non-U.S. resident applicants are eligible for scholarships at GIA locations in Hong Kong, India (Mumbai), Middle East (Dubai), Taiwan, Thailand, or the U.K. (London). U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents are not eligible to apply for international scholarships. Applications and a letter of recommendation for a scholarship to attend the following campuses should be submitted directly to that campus:

Hong Kong Email: giahk@netvigator.com	Taiwan (Taipei) Email: gia.taiwan@msa.hinet.net
India (Mumbai) Email: education.giaindia@gia.edu	Thailand (Bangkok) Email: giabkkedu@gia.edu
Middle East (Dubai) Email: giaeducationmiddleeast@gia.edu	U.K. (London) Email: info@gialondon.co.uk

Phone numbers and mailing addresses for these locations may be found at www.gia.edu

This application will be considered for scholarships that can be applied toward courses, programs, or lab classes that take place during 2012. All interested applicants are encouraged to apply. You will be notified if awarded a scholarship and must complete the enrollment application and registration process, and meet all admission requirements prior to beginning your studies at GIA.

To be considered for these scholarships, please submit applications between June 15 and October 30, 2011.

If you have any questions, contact GIA Scholarships at scholarship@gia.edu or call 800 421 7250, ext 4131 or 760 603 4131 (if outside the U.S.).



NAME _____ STUDENT NUMBER _____

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Applicant Status

- Are you 18 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:
Complete ONLY the Student and Spouse Information below.

IF YOU CHECKED NO TO ALL QUESTIONS ABOVE:
Complete both the Parent's Information and Student and Spouse Information sections below.

Household and Income Information

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Total number of people in parent's household: _____

Number in above household who will attend post-secondary education during current calendar year: _____

Type of currency _____

Parent's gross annual income (based on the most current tax return): _____

Parent's total assets (savings, stocks, bonds, investments, etc; based on the most current tax return): _____

STUDENT AND SPOUSE INFORMATION

Total number of people in student's household: _____

Number in above household who will attend post-secondary education during current calendar year: _____

Type of currency _____

Student's (and spouse's) gross annual income (based on the most current tax return): _____

Student's total assets (savings, stocks, bonds, investments, etc.; based on the most current tax return): _____

Do you (the student) have any other financial resources available, such as veterans benefits, vocational rehabilitation, scholarships, etc.? Yes No

IF YES, LIST BELOW

TYPE	AMOUNT
_____	_____
_____	_____

Student Certification

I certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct. I am not a GIA employee nor am I a member of a GIA employee's household. I 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 GIA.

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Date

GIA Admission Requirements

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a minimum of a high school diploma, GED, or the equivalent. Applicants under the age of 18 years may submit a request to waive the minimum age requirement, provided they meet all other admissions requirements; their enrollment application must also be signed by their parent or legal guardian. All waiver requests are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Admissions waivers are not granted to on-campus applicants or to any applicant under the age of 16 years.

Applicants who have been convicted of a felony must also submit the following documents to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee:

- A detailed explanation of the circumstances surrounding the felony and how a GIA education will support the applicant's career goals
- A copy of court documents stating the judgment, sentence, disposition, and any terms of parole or probation
- At least one character reference letter from a non-relative

Applicants for U.S. on-campus classes who are not U.S. citizens must demonstrate English proficiency by meeting GIA's English proficiency requirement. For additional information on all admissions requirements, please refer to the Education Catalog.

Student Signature

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the admissions requirements as stated here and in the GIA Education Catalog. If I receive a scholarship, I understand I will be required to submit a completed Enrollment Application, including all required documents.

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Date



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Personal Statement Type your answer to the essay question below. Limit your response to two pages.

What, in particular, makes you an exceptional candidate for a GIA Scholarship? Please describe yourself, your prior work, educational experience, and your career aspirations in your answer.



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