



2021 Diversity Scholarship Application
Graduate Diamonds Distance Education Diploma Program at GIA

Applicant Information

Date of Birth

Are you a US Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Do you have a high school or high school equivalency diploma?

Do you have a valid US government issued Photo ID or passport
Identifying your full name, birth date, citizenship and country of birth?

Legal Last Name/Surname

Legal First Name/Given Name

Email Address

Gender (Male, Female, Non-Binary)

Race/Ethnicity (Optional)

Mailing Address

City

State/Postal Code

Primary Phone Number

Social Media Handle (Instagram, Facebook)

Household Information

How many people live in your household?

What is the total income for your household?

Additional Information

Essay Questions

1. Describe your experience and how you became interested in gemology or jewelry manufacturing/design, and your educational background?

2. Why are you applying for a Diamonds Do Good Diversity Scholarship for a Diploma in GIA's Graduate Diamond Program?

3. What is your professional goal? How will your GIA education help you achieve that goal?

4. OPTIONAL. Share any additional information about yourself that would be of interest to the Diamonds Do Good Diversity Scholarship Committee: your background, education, achievements in your field of interest, challenges you have encountered while working toward your goals, etc.

Recommendation or Personal Reference Letter

Requirements: Letter(s) of Recommendation or Personal Reference (one required, two allowed) endorsing you for the Diamonds Do Good Diversity Scholarship. NOT for employment. DO NOT attach a resume or CV.

Writer states who they are, how they know you, why they endorse you for this scholarship, and why they believe this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.

Typed (not handwritten) in English (or a translation done by a professional must be included). The letter writer should be from a professional company, non-profit organization, an employer, a co-worker, your church, a former teacher, a community organization to which you belong, a place where you volunteer, or similar organizations. The letter writer CANNOT be a relative, family member, current Diamonds Do Good or GIA employee.

Letter MUST BE SIGNED & DATED within the past 12 months, and MUST INCLUDE all contact information (name, address, phone and email address), written on organization letterhead if available.

ACCEPTABLE document format: PDF; Word document or jpeg. NOT ACCEPTABLE document format (will be rejected); rtf, txt, or out files, zip folders or scans of social media pages.

Diamonds Do Good Admission Requirements

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a minimum of a high school diploma, GED, TASC 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 DDG Admissions Committee.

This scholarship is for GIA's Distance Education Graduate Diamond Diploma Program consisting of two eLearning courses and one on-site Lab class at either the GIA New York or Carlsbad, California locations. Description of this Program can be found on pages 19 and 20 of the [GIA Education Catalogue](#). Travel and housing will be provided as part of the scholarship for the on-site Lab class based on financial need.

Technology Requirements

Students must have a valid email address and the following computer/tablet specifications:

Computer:

- Windows 8 and higher, Mac OS X 10.12 and higher
- Recommended Browsers: Firefox 57 and later, Chrome 63 and later; Other supported Browsers: Safari 12 and later (Mac only), Edge 42 and later, Internet Explorer is not supported
- Screen resolution: 1280 x 720 or above
- JavaScript enabled, cookies allowed, and pop-up blockers disabled
- Adobe Reader 11 or higher

Tablet or Mobile Device

- Mac iOS 11 and higher or Android 4.2 and higher: devices may not be compatible with videos

JavaScript and Adobe Reader are available as free internet downloads.

2021 Scholarship Award Notification

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.

Date

Electronic Signature

Scholarship Funds: Terms of Use

GIA Scholarship funds can be applied to the cost of TUITION ONLY.

Date

Electronic Signature

APPLICANT CERTIFICATIONS

If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to release my name, city/state/country, photograph, and the award name and amount for publication by Diamonds Do Good.

By signing below, I certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct. I am not a current DDG or GIA employee, nor a member of a current DDG or GIA's employee's family. I agree to submit proof of income or asset information and education verification documentation, if requested.

Date

Electronic Signature