



## DCA – GIA Scholarship Application Packet

The following DCA 2020 Scholarship Application Packet includes a description of the guidelines for eligibility, approved courses, completion deadlines, other factors and the application form.

### Eligibility

DCA members and their employees may apply for Gemological Institute of America (GIA) scholarships; an applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be currently employed at a DCA member store
- be a graduate of at least one DCA course
- not already be enrolled in another home study course from GIA

To make sure scholarship funds are widely distributed among members, *scholarships will be awarded to only one person per store – limit of five per membership – during the enrollment period from February 1 through December 31, 2020. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

### Application Requirements

For 2020, we will accept scholarship applications from February 1 through December 31, 2020. Each application should include the following material submitted in a single packet:

- DCA Scholarship Application Form (in this packet)
- Letter of recommendation from the DCA member sponsor on company letterhead (this is not required if the applicant is the store owner)

We are not accepting applications sent via mail at this time. Please send the packet via email to [cmiller@jewelers.org](mailto:cmiller@jewelers.org).



## Consideration in Awarding Scholarships

### Financial Need

We do not award scholarships based on financial need, but if two students are equally qualified, financial need will be a deciding factor. If you think financial need might be a factor, please include with the application a description of the situation and any supporting documentation.

### Availability

Scholarships can be applied toward any of the courses listed in this packet **based on availability**.

### Approved Courses and Their Costs

A scholarship winner may apply for the scholarship to any of the courses listed in this section, but you should check with GIA to verify current fees and course pre-requisites.

### Cancellation of the Scholarship

DCA may cancel a scholarship after awarding it if the student fails to:

- complete all paperwork associated with the scholarship
- begin course study within one month of enrollment
- complete the course within the maximum specified completion time

When a DCA Scholarship student leaves a member store and has started a scholarship course, the student will not have the option of keeping the Scholarship. If the student has not started, the Scholarship will be canceled.



## GIA e-Learning Course Scholarship Information

GIA eLearning Course	Total Fee	Maximum Completion Time Allowed in Months
Jewelry Essentials	\$250.00	3
Colored Stone Essentials	\$250.00	3
Diamond Essentials	\$250.00	3
Pearls	\$600.00	6
Colored Stones	\$1,850.00	18
Diamonds & Diamond Grading	\$1,670.00	15
Gem Identification	\$2,040.00	24

Prerequisites:

- Colored Stone Essentials is a prerequisite for Colored Stones
- Books can be purchased for an additional fee. Please see GIA application for pricing.
- Diamond Essentials is a prerequisite for Diamonds & Diamond Grading
- Colored Stone Essentials and Colored Stones are prerequisites for Gem Identification



## DCA Scholarship Application Form

This form must be completed in its entirety and submitted with the Educational Provider's form.

### Applicant Information

Name (First/MI/Last):		
Company:		
Birth Date:		
Company Address:		
Business Phone: ( )	Fax: ( )	E-Mail:
Current Position:	Date of Hire:	
<b>Educational Background</b>		
High School (Name/City/State):		
College/University (Name/City/State):		
Technical Schools or Training:		
<b>Course History</b>		
Courses Completed:		
Student Number:		
Courses in Progress (note that current students are not eligible for scholarships):		