



## DCA - GIA Scholarship Application Packet

The following DCA 2019 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 June 1 through December 31, 2019. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

### Application Requirements

For 2019, we will accept scholarship applications from June 1 through December 31, 2019. 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)

Please send the packet to: DCA, ATTN: Scholarships, 120 Broadway, Suite 2820, New York, NY 10271 or e-mail it 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):		