

# North Carolina Jewelers Association

## Jimmy Green and William E. Thunberg Scholarship

In 1991, in honor of the life of Jimmy Green and his many contributions to NCJA and the jewelry industry, a \$400 scholarship was established. Any member jeweler or his employees can take advantage of any one of five correspondence courses offered by the Gemological Institute of America.

In 1993, the North Carolina Jewelers Association established a scholarship in memory of William E. Thunberg. The scholarship provides \$500 of tuition to any member jeweler or his employee to attend a jewelers trade school of his choice.

The following NCJA Scholarship Application Packet includes a description of the guidelines for eligibility, approved courses, co-payments, completion deadlines, other factors and the application form for the BJC program.

### Eligibility

NCJA members and their employees may apply for GIA, Bench Study or Bench Jeweler Certification scholarships. An applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old
- have at least one years experience working at a NCJA member store or two years experience working in the jewelry industry not already be enrolled in a GIA course.

*A student who previously received a scholarship and did not complete the GIA course or BJC program within the required timeframe is not eligible for another scholarship, for five years.*

The student should notify NCJA during the program if he or she needs an extension to the GIA course completion deadline of 18 months or cannot remain active for a four-month period after beginning the GIA course because of a medical or other serious situation.

The Bench Jeweler Certification Test taker should also notify NCJA for the above reasons if he or she cannot complete the practical and written test within one year of the start date.

### Application Requirements

We accept Jimmy Green and William E. Thunberg scholarship applications until **April 30th** and the scholarships are announced at the annual convention. Each application should include the following material submitted in a single packet to JA:

- NCJA Scholarship Application Form (in this packet)
- GIA Enrollment Form (if applying for funds for a GIA course)
- BJC Enrollment Form (if applying for funds for a BJC program)
- Co-payments from employer and applicant - checks should be made payable to the North Carolina Jewelers Association

Letter of recommendation from the NCJA member sponsor on company letterhead (this is not required if the applicant is the store owner).

Please send the packet to:

North Carolina Jewelers Association

ATTN: Scholarships

P. O. Box 17161

Raleigh, NC 27619

### 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. If applicable, we encourage students who qualify to

check for funding via the GI Bill's educational benefits. The use of outside resources, for those qualified to take advantage of them, frees NCJA's limited funding so it can be used by other members.

### Approved Courses, Their Costs and Co-Payments

A scholarship winner may apply the scholarship to any level BJC program, bench study or any of the five GIA courses listed below.

- A. Diamond Correspondence Course
- B. Diamond Grading Correspondence Course
- C. Colored Stone Correspondence Course
- D. Colored Stone Grading Correspondence Course
- E. Gem Identification Correspondence Course

At the present time, GIA requires the completion of Colored Stones as a requirement for enrollment in Gem Identification and Diamonds as a pre-requisite for Diamond Grading. \$400 will be paid for the Jimmy Green Scholarship directly to GIA. In order to encourage the student's progress, a \$75 nonreturnable registration fee is required from the scholarship recipient. This fee must be received in the NCJA office by April 15th and will be forwarded to GIA to help subsidize the course. Because course fees vary, the student may have additional amounts due to GIA. \$500 will be paid for the William E. Thunberg Scholarship for bench study.

### Cancellation of the Scholarship

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

- Complete all paperwork associated with the scholarship
- Begin GIA course study within four months of enrollment
- Remain active for a four-month period after beginning the GIA course
- Complete the GIA course within 18 months of starting it
- Enroll for bench study or GIA course study by December 1
- Complete BJC bench test and written test within one year of signing up for the program; if Candidate wishes to exceed the one year deadline he or she is responsible for the full cost of the program

### GIA Course Scholarship Information

GIA Course Name	Total Fee	Student Co-Payment
Diamonds	535.50	\$75.00
Diamond Grading+	625.50	\$75.00
Colored Stone	625.50	\$75.00
Colored Stone Grading	535.50	\$75.00
Gem Identification*	\$895.00	\$75.00
+ Diamonds pre-requisite * Colored Stones pre-requisite		

### BJC Program Scholarship Information

BJC Level	BJC Applicant Co-Pay	Employer Co-Pay	NCJA Scholarship
First Level	\$150	\$150	\$500
Second Level	\$200	\$200	\$500
Third Level	\$200	\$200	\$500
Fourth Level	\$350	\$350	\$500

# GIA Applicant Information

Name (First/MI/Last): \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
NCJA Member # (ask employer) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire: \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Background:  
High School (Name/City/State): \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University (Name/City/State): \_\_\_\_\_  
Technical Schools or Training: \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous Work Experience in the Jewelry Industry  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Termination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Termination: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use additional paper for other significant employment history)  
Have you ever won a JA Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following and submit the entire form to NCJA with co-payment and the GIA, bench study or BJC Enrollment Form.**

GIA Course History: \_\_\_\_\_  
GIA Courses Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
GIA Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
GIA Courses in Progress (note that current GIA students are not eligible for JA scholarships): \_\_\_\_\_

# BJC Applicant Information

*Reminder-BJC scholarship may be cancelled if the applicant does not complete the BJC bench test and written test within one year of signing up for the program; if candidate wishes to exceed the one year deadline he or she is responsible for the full cost of the program*

## Applicant Information

Name (First/MI/Last): \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
NCJA Member  Yes  No  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years at the Bench: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jewelry Courses Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name as it should appear on Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

## Test Preferences

I want the bench test at:

My bench (include Proctor Form)

A JA test site

*Indicate Test Level Option and Applicable Fee (from price listing).*

## BJC Proctor Proposal Form

If you wish to take the test at your own bench and have contacted potential proctors, please complete this form with the names of at least two people who could proctor your bench test. JA will select one of them after verifying their credentials.

Proctor #1	Proctor #2
Name (First/MI/Last): _____	Name (First/MI/Last): _____
Title/Position: _____	Title/Position: _____
Business: _____	Business: _____
Shipping Address for UPS: _____	Shipping Address for UPS: _____
Day Phone: _____	Day Phone: _____
Fax: _____	Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____	E-Mail: _____