

## Georgia Jewelers Association

May 10, 2024

Dear Georgia Jeweler,

Georgia Jewelers Association is pleased to announce the offering of our annual John W. Reed Memorial Scholarship and Bill Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship. We think one of the best benefits of your GJA membership is the opportunity to win one of our scholarships. This year we will offer \$500 scholarships that all members (both owners and their employees) may apply for. Furthering one's education is always valuable, and GJA would like to assist its members in ensuring that our member stores keep advancing their skills and abilities.

The scholarships may be used for GIA, AGS, and other related educational programs within the industry. They may be used for distance and on-site courses and labs. The scholarship committee will meet before the August Atlanta Jewelry Show which will be the weekend of August 25, 2024. We will announce the winners of this year's scholarship at our Sunday morning board meeting. If you sent an application earlier this year, you may reapply now because the scholarships were not awarded at the convention as they have been traditionally. Please read the Rules and Guidelines carefully and follow all directions on the forms. The only place where the applicant's name or the store's name should appear is on Page One of the application. Page Two of the application, the applicant's letter talking about themselves and why they are applying, and the employer's letter, should not have any way to identify the store. This is to make the selection process completely fair to all applicants.

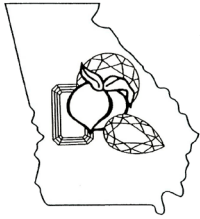
Scholarship applicants are not required to attend the board meeting, but we invite and encourage you to join us in August. The AGS Guild meeting will follow the GJA Board Meeting and Dr. James Shigley from GIA is the speaker.

Scholarship winners are limited to one per store per year, and scholarships should be used within the following 12 months. Please see the enclosed application and guidelines and be sure to send your applications to the address listed below by **June 30, 2024**. If you have questions or need help, call me at 706-291-8811 or email [fgkjewelers@earthlink.net](mailto:fgkjewelers@earthlink.net).

Regards,

Jan Fergerson, Scholarship Chair

Mail Application to:  
John W. Reed Memorial Scholarship  
Bill Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship  
Attn: Janie Churchey  
P.O. Box 5  
Tucker, GA 30085  
770-827-1149



## **Georgia Jewelers Association**

### **John W. Reed Memorial Scholarship and Bill Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship**

#### **2024 Rules and Guidelines**

- 1. Applicants must work full time for a member store in good standing with the GJA.**
- 2. Applicants may only apply through a member store under their recommendation.**
- 3. Applicants may apply only once a year.**
- 4. Applicants must have a minimum of two years' experience in the jewelry profession.**
- 5. Applicants should be at least 18 years of age.**
- 6. Applicants may use GJA scholarship funds for courses through AGS or GIA master jeweler, gemology courses, or other approved jewelry training facilities.**
- 7. Applicants may not use GJA scholarship funds for courses in which they are already enrolled.**
- 8. Scholarship funds will be paid to GIA, AGS or other jewelry training facilities directly by GJA on the student's behalf.**
- 9. Funding will be limited to \$500.00 per scholarship.**
- 10. Only one application and applicant per store each year.**
- 11. Store must be member of GJA for minimum of one year to be eligible to apply.**
- 12. A letter of recommendation from the store owner or manager must accompany the application requesting the scholarship.**
- 13. A letter from the applicant must accompany the application requesting the scholarship.**
- 14. Applicants must begin their course within 12 months of receiving a scholarship from G.J.A.**
- 15. Applications should be mailed to the GJA office.**

**John W. Reed Memorial Scholarship Bill**

**Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship**

**Attn: Janie Churchey, Executive Director**

**P.O. Box 5**

**Tucker, GA 30085**

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**John W. Reed Memorial Scholarship**  
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**Application 2024**

Member Store Information

Member Store Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Store Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Store Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Information

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Personal email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

GJA Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*----Please give this application & your letter to your employer for submission---*

*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\**

*THIS IS THE ONLY PAGE THAT SHOULD HAVE ANY WAY TO IDENTIFY YOU,  
YOUR STORE OR YOUR CITY. THE COMMITTEE WILL USE A "BLIND" PROCESS  
TO SELECT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS.*

Date received by GJA office: \_\_\_\_\_ Blind Code \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Application \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Employer letter \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR STORE NAME, YOUR EMPLOYERS' NAME, YOUR CITY OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD IDENTIFY WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU WORK ANY WHERE EXCEPT THE FIRST PAGE WHERE REQUESTED.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED "BLINDLY" BY THE GJA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

### Personal Information

High School Grade Level Completed \_\_\_\_\_ College Year(s) Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Are you **currently enrolled in** any GIA, AGS or other jewelry related courses at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

GIA \_\_\_\_\_ AGS \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please name) \_\_\_\_\_

What GIA, AGS or other bench jewelers accredited courses **have you completed?**

### Work Experience

Length of time with current employer (GJA member store) \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

List your current duties and responsibilities and any experience that may be related. \_\_\_\_\_

Which GIA or AGS courses would you like to take with this scholarship?

Reason you are applying for this scholarship.

A letter from the applicant must accompany this application. The letter should state why you want this scholarship, what goals you have set for yourself, how you would benefit and how it would benefit the GJA member store and the industry. \*\*\*\*\* IN THE LETTER FROM THE APPLICANT, DO NOT GIVE YOUR NAME, STORE NAME, CITY OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT WOULD IDENTIFY YOU OR YOUR EMPLOYER.

Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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