



Georgia Jewelers Association Jewelry Design Contest

ELIGIBILITY

Anyone who is a GJA member or is employed by a GJA member and who is interested in designing and creating one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry that says something of current styles and fashion.

RULES OF ENTRY

Pieces **MUST** be original designs created by the person entering the contest.

- All entries must be completed pieces made within the last two years.
- Pieces cannot have been mass produced or previously sold (unless Jeweler has written signed permission from client to use the pieces for the times required).
- Pieces should not be marked or hall-marked until after the judging. Previously sold pieces must have this information masked. We will mask marking or hallmarking to our discretion.
- Special displays are not allowed. All pieces entered must be on standard display material.
- GJA reserves the right to disqualify any piece which does not meet all criteria.

CATAGORIES

Entrants may enter one piece in any or all four categories. Each piece submitted requires a \$50 entry fee. Entry fee is non- refundable.

Category 1A) Materials may not exceed \$300 in cost value. Pieces must be made of silver, gold, platinum, or palladium and may contain stones.

Category 1B) Material from \$301 to \$1000 in cost value. Pieces must be made of silver, gold, platinum or palladium and may contain stones.

Category 2) Materials from \$1001 to \$3000 in cost value. Pieces must be made of gold, platinum, or palladium and may contain stones.

Category 3) Materials over \$3001 in cost value. Pieces must be made of 14K gold or higher karat gold, platinum or palladium and may contain stones.

Material only- Do not include labor.



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JUDGING

The entries will be judged by qualified people in the jewelry industry and the art communities.

When the pieces are being judged, they will be identified only by number.

The judges will select winning pieces on these criteria: Creative use of Materials, Contemporary Design, Wearability, Originality and Fashion Merit.

Plaques will be awarded to the First and Second Place pieces in each category and to the "Best of Show".

All convention attendees are eligible to vote for the "People's Choice" category to select the most popular entry. Display of entries will be at the Convention on **Sunday, October 4th, 2026**. The presentation of awards will be at the Sunday luncheon. Plaques will be awarded to all winners.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

June 1st, 2026 – Application and Entry fee with description of each piece attached must arrive at GJA office or Thornton's Fine Jewelry.

October 4th, 2026 – Pieces must be brought to convention site and delivered to design contest chair Christine Randall by 9 am.

October 4th, 2026 – Design contest, judging and awards ceremony during New Member & Past Presidents Luncheon.



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Thank you for your entry to the Annual GJA Jewelry Design Competition. We appreciate your interest and support of the organization. Please fill out and submit this form along with your entry fee(s) to GJA New Address Coming Soon by June 1st, 2026. Finished pieces must be brought to the convention October 4th, 2026. By sending in this application, you agree to all the rules and entry details. You may mail or email this form.

Name: _____

Store: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Number of pieces entered: _____

Category 1A: _____

Category 1B: _____

Category 2: _____

Category 3: _____

Total Entries: _____ x \$50.00 entry fee

Total Amount Sent: _____

SEND ENTRY FORMS AND FEES BY 6/1/26 TO:

GJA

New Address Coming Soon

Entry fee payable to: Georgia Jewelers

Association Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

whitney.lince@yahoo.com

All finished entries must be brought to the convention. Entries remain the property of the person entering them. All entries will be picked up at the convention. GJA assumes no liability for loss or damages to any piece entered. Insurance for any piece entered will be the responsibility of the entrant.