



TJA 2018 Jewelry Design Competition Entry Form

Eligibility

Anyone who is a TJA member, or is employed by a TJA member, or a student currently enrolled at a college or university, who is interested in designing and/or creating a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry.

Rules of Entry

- Pieces must be original designs created by the persons entering them.
- Pieces may be designed and made by more than one person.
- Pieces cannot have been mass produced or previously sold.
- Pieces must have been produced between September 2017 and September 2018.
- Pieces may have been entered in other competitions, but cannot have won any awards.
- Pieces should not be identified or hallmarked until after the judging.

Details of Design Entry

Entrants may enter one piece in each of four categories. Each piece must be submitted with a \$100 non-refundable entry fee. Only finished pieces will be accepted.

Category # 1 Materials may not exceed \$1,000. Pieces must be made of Silver, Gold or Platinum and may contain stones.

Category # 2 Materials from \$1,000 to \$3000. Pieces must be made of Silver, Gold or Platinum and may contain stones.

Category # 3 Materials over \$3,000. Pieces must be made of Silver, Gold or Platinum and may contain stones.

Category # 4 Bench Jewelers exclusive. This category is for the bench jeweler to show their expertise in jewelry design. The person entering this category must be the only one to touch the piece from conception to final polish. Materials of any value may be used.

Deadline - September 30, 2018

Application, entry fee and finished piece must arrive by September 30, 2018.

Judging

The entries will be judged by qualified people in the jewelry industry during this year's **Convention** in Austin, TX October 28-30. When the pieces are being judged, they will be identified by number only. The judges will select the winning pieces on the basis of creative use of materials, craftsmanship, wear-ability, originality, and fashion merit.

Awards

Awards will be awarded to the winning piece in each category listed above and to the "best overall," which may be from any category. Display of entries and presentation of awards will be during the 2018 Convention in Austin, Texas. **Convention attendance is required.** The winning piece judged "best overall" will be awarded at the Sunday evening Dinner.

Cash awards for the student category are sponsored by:

**J. Patrick Diamonds, Inc.
5944 Luther Lane Suite 401
Dallas TX 75225**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your entry in the 26th Annual TJA Jewelry Design Competition. We appreciate your interest and support of TJA. Please fill out and submit the following form with your entry fee.

Finished entries must be received by September 30, 2018.

Name: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City/ST/Zip: _____ / _____ / _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Categories Entered

Category 1 _____ (\$100 entry fee)
 Category 2 _____ (\$100 entry fee)
 Category 3 _____ (\$100 entry fee)
 Category 4 _____ (\$100 entry fee)

Describe the jewelry pieces entered, including material value (cost) on an additional page.

Student Category - Entry Fees and Info

Student awards are sponsored by J. Patrick Diamonds, Inc. Entry fee is \$15 per item. Pieces will be judged on design and execution.

1st Place ----- \$250 w/Plaque
 2nd Place ----- \$150 w/Plaque
 3rd Place ----- \$100 w/Plaque
 4th Place ----- Honorable mention with Plaque
 only. (No category rules apply to Student Category, **students need not be present to win.**)

Total Items: _____ Total Fees: _____

Mail Entries and fees to: TJA DESIGN CONTEST

**Brad Koen
611 Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78701**

**(512) 478-2595
brad@joekoenjewelers.com**



All finished entries must be sent by registered mail, insured with a return receipt. Entries remain the property of the person entering item. All winning and non-winning entries will be returned by registered mail as soon as possible. TJA assumes no liability for loss or damage to any piece entered.

Good Luck!