

TJA 2023 Jewelry Design Competition Entry Form



Deadline - September 28, 2023

Finished entries must be received between September 25-28, 2023.

TJA Convention 2023 will be held on October 7-9th at Crowne Plaza-Galleria:
7611 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024

Mail Entries and fees to:

BB Studio
Attn: Britt Caffarena
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Stafford, Texas 77477

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Eligibility

Anyone who is a TJA member or is employed by a TJA member may enter. For the student category, anyone who is an apprentice at a TJA store for less than 3 years, or a Texas Resident student currently enrolled in jewelry courses & creates one-of-a-kind jewelry may enter. **Convention attendance is NOT required but encouraged.**

Please fill out and submit the following form with your entry fee.

Name: _____

Store/School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Rules of Entry for All Applicants

- Pieces must be original designs created by the persons entering them.
- Pieces cannot have been mass produced or previously sold.
- Pieces must have been produced after September 2022.
- Pieces may have been entered in other competitions but cannot have won any awards.
- Pieces should not be signed or hallmarked until after the judging.

Store Professional Categories-

Entry Fee and Info

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. Pieces must be made of silver, gold or platinum and may contain stones and other materials. Maximum 1 item per category.

Please provide a brief description of your submission for this category

Category 1 _____

Material cost may not exceed \$1,000

Category 2 _____

Material cost may only cost between \$1,000 to \$3,000

Category 3 _____

Material cost may only over \$3,000

Category 4 _____

Bench Jewelers exclusive. This category is for bench jewelers 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.

To Submit Entries:

Mail your entry along with your printed form. You may enclose a check made out to TJA.

Or

If you prefer a credit card, we can email you a link. Only pre-paid entries will be considered for judging.

Please include an additional page for each submission piece including a more detailed description of the jewelry pieces entered. Each description must include material value of the piece and stones used.

Student Categories - Entry Fees & Info

Entry fee is \$40 per item. Pieces must be original and created by the student/apprentice. Maximum 1 item per category designed with the primary material being metal, but may use alternative metals. Students may also use gemstones (natural or lab created).

Please provide a brief description of your submission for this category

Category 5 _____

Student finished pieces

Awards sponsored by J. Patrick Diamonds, Inc.

Category 6 _____

Fully Rendered and Printable CAD Files;

email to: patrick@pdobbs.com

Awards sponsored by B9Creations

Judging

The judging will take place prior to our Convention in Houston, TX on October 7th-9th. All pieces will be anonymous and identified by a number. The judges will select the winning pieces based on creative use of materials, craftsmanship, wearability, originality, fashion merit and durability.

Awards

 Winners for each category- 1-4

Awards will be announced to the winning piece in each of the four Professional Categories. The judges will also review every Professional entry to choose an overall "Best in Show"!

All entries will be displayed at the 2023 Convention in Houston, Texas. The awards will be presented at the banquet dinner Sunday night. Award banquet tickets may be purchased individually if not attending the convention.

Student Awards

 Winners for each categories- 5 and 6

1st Place- Winners will receive \$250 w/Plaque
2nd Place- Winners will receive \$150 w/Plaque
3rd Place- Winners will receive \$100 w/Plaque

Total Items _____ Total Fees _____

All finished entries must be sent by UPS, FED EX or registered mail, insured with a return pre-paid shipping label enclosed. Designs remain the exclusive property of their creators. All winning and non-winning entries will be returned as soon as possible or may be picked up at the convention. TJA assumes no liability for damage to any piece entered. For more information, email us or check for more details on our website:
www.texasjewelers.org