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24 Karat Club Southeastern United States Scholarship Opportunities

The 24 Karat Club SEUS is an organization of industry professionals representing leading members from the jewelry supplier sector dedicated to the growth and betterment of the jewelry industry. The Club offers an impressive list of scholarship opportunities awarded annually to deserving jewelry industry recipients throughout the Southeast. The scholarships are made possible by the generous donations of individual members and member companies and by the partnerships with other industry organizations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

• *Robert Foreman Memorial Scholarship* - The Club's primary scholarship, this $2000 award is presented annually to one individual for jewelry education and training.

• *Diamond in the Rough Scholarships* - Two or more scholarships distributed annually from a $2500 fund to be used for jewelry industry education and training. These scholarships are made available through a generous gift from Birmingham, AL-based Judy Carter & Associates Insurance Agency.

• *Sterling Reputation Scholarships* - Two or more scholarships distributed annually from a $2500 fund to be used for jewelry industry education and training. These scholarships are made available through a generous gift from Sunrise, FL-based Sterling Reputation.

• *Diamond Council of America Scholarships* – DCA makes available multiple scholarships each year covering the cost of any course from DCA. DCA offers professional certification in diamonds, colored gemstones and jewelry sales through distance education.

• *Ralph Williams Educational Scholarship* – A $1500 scholarship distributed annually to be used for jewelry industry education and training. This scholarship, funded by members Carolyn Lennon, Robert Loving and Terry Chandler, is dedicated in memory of former Club member Ralph Williams.

• *Accounting for Jewelers Scholarship* – A $1,500 scholarship awarded annually to one recipient to be used for jewelry industry education and training, including gemological study, bench skills, and jewelry-related business programs. Sponsored by Mariel Diaz, founder of Accounting for Jewelers.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Must be employed in the jewelry industry for a minimum of 2 years, currently working in the jewelry industry and hold residence in one of the following states: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV.

• Applicants must be nominated to the Scholarship Committee by a 24K Club member. A list of members can be found at www.The24KaratClub.org.

• Application must be completed by the candidate and submitted along with a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring member. The application is available on the website.

• A letter from the candidate detailing the use of the scholarship and how it will aid in their professional development must accompany the application. The letter should detail the candidate's history and future plans in the industry. Detailing one's passion for the industry will be helpful.

• A supporting letter from the retail jeweler (owner/manager) is recommended but not mandatory.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Winners will be announced at the 24 Karat Club's annual black tie gala in August.

• Scholarships must be used within 2 years of receipt. Exceptions will be considered with a letter to the Scholarship Committee explaining the extenuating circumstances.

• **Application deadline is June 25th, 2026**

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