

## About Membership in the Accredited Gemologists Association

Accredited Gemologists Association is a professional peer society providing a network for sharing gemological information and skills. AGA proudly counts some of the world's leading gemologists as members and is internationally respected as a premier gemological organization.

As an AGA member, you gain:

- Peer recognition for active participation in educational programs and industry forums
- Personal satisfaction of improving your skills and contributing to your profession
- Access to exclusive gemological webinars and presentations
- Inclusion in the "find a member" search function on the AGA website

Membership levels are:

**Voting Member:** Available to an individual who has successfully completed study and holds a gemological credential (GG, FGA, FCGmA, SSEF, FFEG, FGG) from a school of gemology approved by the Board of Governors. The title "Accredited Senior Gemologist" is awarded to all who qualify in good standing as Voting Members of the Association. A **Life Member** is a Voting Member who has paid the required fee for life membership.

Voting Members, Life Members, and Retired Voting Members are entitled to vote on all questions before the Association's membership and to display their AGA designation and AGA logo on their website, social media pages and promotional materials.

Non-voting memberships include:

**Associate Member:** Available to an individual who is interested in the study of gemology but does not possess the educational requirements to be a voting member. An Associate Member is not entitled to hold office in the Association but may serve on committees.

**Student Member:** Available to an individual currently enrolled with a school of gemology approved by the Board of Governors. Student Membership is limited to one year after which advancement to Associate or Voting Member is required. A Student Member may not hold office in the Association.

**Corporate Member:** Available to a company in good standing within the gem and jewelry industry which supports the efforts of the AGA and has paid the required annual dues. Corporate Member dues cover annual dues for three Associate Members who are owners or employees of the Corporate Member company. Corporate Member companies must agree to abide by the Association's Code of Ethics.

Prior to applying for membership, please read these important AGA organizational documents that apply to all members. These documents can be found on the AGA website.

- Code of Ethics
- Constitution
- Bylaws

All applications for membership are reviewed and vetted by the AGA Membership

Committee. Please contact us with any questions about membership:

exec.admin@accreditedgemologists.org | +1 844-288-4367

## Membership Application (check one)

Yearly Voting Member – Gemological qualification required – \$100

Associate Member – \$75

Lifetime Voting Member – Gemological qualification required – \$1250

Student Member – 1 Year non-renewable – free

Corporate Member – Up to three people per company – \$350

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name or Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### Gemological Qualification Credential & Date Awarded (select one for Voting memberships only)

Credential (GG, FGA, FCGmA, etc.) & Organization (select one from list)	Date Awarded (dd-mmm-yyyy)
If you do not possess one of the above, but have alternative credentials, please describe below	

### \*Reference Letters for all **except Student Membership**

The application process requires three reference letters from gemological colleagues. To expedite this process, please instruct the three individuals you name below to fill out the Professional Gemological Reference [at this link](#).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Member Affidavit

I understand and hereby attest to the following:

- Information in this application is complete and correct, and all representations of professional credentials apply to me as an individual and not to a company or affiliate.
- Membership in the AGA, other than Corporate, is granted only to eligible individuals and does not extend to their related organization.
- I have read the AGA Code of Ethics and acknowledge receipt of same. If elected to Membership, I will conduct my professional practice within the guidelines of the Code of Ethics and resolutions of AGA and accept responsibility to keep up-to-date on organizational issues of AGA by periodically checking the AGA website.
- I agree to provide AGA with a valid email address that I frequently check for notifications of organizational issues & events.
- Membership may be revoked or suspended if I am found in violation of the AGA Code of Ethics or rules, or to have made a fraudulent statement within the scope of this Membership Application. Loss of Membership entails loss of all benefits, including but not limited to: revocation of any AGA Designations or Credentials, loss of member materials, and prohibition of use of the AGA logo or name. I agree to these terms of revocation.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (d/m/y) \_\_\_\_\_

*\* If you cannot provide a digital signature, please save & print the document, sign by hand, scan & send.*

**This form must be saved to your computer prior to sending via email.**

Please email this application to [exec.admin@accreditedgemologists.org](mailto:exec.admin@accreditedgemologists.org)

Alternately, you may directly mail the signed form to AGA, 3315 Juanita St., San Diego, CA 92105 USA

[www.accreditedgemologists.org](http://www.accreditedgemologists.org)