



Young Black Jeweler's Initiative (1/3)

Steering & Selection

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Welcome to the Young Black Jeweler's Initiative Application! The YBJI is a scholarship that aims to provide various types of support for a Black individual to develop a set of vocational trade skills in the metal arts & jewelry industries. Support includes: one **scholarship** for a series of classes at Silvera Jewelry School in order for the individual to obtain long-term & sustained employment in the jewelry industry; one beginner's **set of tools**; weekly **bench space** at Fiat Lux Studios in San Francisco; and finally, post-graduation **employment support**. Please fill out each section. When you're finished, please save all of the documents as a pdf & send them to: info@fiatluxsf.com & cc: alexei@fiatluxsf.com with the subject heading YBJI.

Basic Information

Name:: _____

Email:: _____

Address:: _____

Cell/Telephone:: _____

Website:: _____

Are you currently employed? Circle one: yes /// no

Are you currently enrolled in school? Circle one: yes /// no

If you answered yes to the previous question, please list all the schools you currently attend & your expected graduation date.



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Why Jewelry? (Please answer the following questions as best as possible, we imagine about a paragraph or so.)

Why are you interested in the jewelry trade?

If you have any experience, however minimal, please describe your previous experience.

Extras! Extras! Read All About Us! (Please attach the following items as pdfs/jpgs/mpg/etc. to complete your application.)

- one "**essay**" describing what you would like to achieve in a technical jeweler's program & where you'd like to be in five years. We encourage multi-media formats for this section, so please feel free to send a 3-5 minute video, a song, a one-page written essay, or a poem.
- **photos** of any work (arts, crafts, photography, representational artwork, etc.)
- one letter of **reference**

Internal Notes:



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YBJI Details

- (1) **funding**: our commitment to funding is for a program-long series of classes at Silvera Jewelry School, a Bay Area trade school consisting of over 20 professional jewelers with years of experience making, fabricating, and producing jewelry & over ten years of experience teaching classes to students at Silvera alone. The courses will train a Black individual to become proficient in safety & setup, jewelry repair, fabrication, casting & molding, stone setting, tool modification, tool repair, and polishing & finishing in order to be able to graduate and pursue a career in the jewelry industry.
- (2) **tools**: our commitment to a set of tools includes a basic set of tools: a basic set of files, a basic set of pliers, a saw & blades, and a torch.
- (3) **bench space**: our commitment to bench space includes dedicated space for a weekly, eight-hour session during normal workhours on one of the benches in the Fiat Lux Studios in San Francisco, CA.
- (4) **employment support**: our commitment to post-graduation support after the successful completion of the program at Silvera includes support for employment placement as a bench jeweler in the Bay Area industry by drawing on our extensive connections, and/or support for pricing & direction for the development of an individual line original work; finally, it includes weekly one-on-one hour-long check-ins with one or more of the scholarship coordinators for four months after the program's completion or until the individual finds employment, whichever comes first.