

Black in Jewelry Coalition: Together by Design Official Rules

Introduction

The Black in Jewelry Coalition (BIJC), a nonprofit dedicated to the advancement of Black professionals in the jewelry and watch industry, is hosting the “Together by Design” contest that celebrates Black love and creation. If you’re newly engaged or planning to pop the question, enter the contest for a chance to win a 1.31-carat diamond engagement ring. For more information visit <https://blackinjewelry.org/together-by-design/>.

Rules for Jewelry Design Entrants

- **Jewelry Design Eligibility**

To be eligible for entry in the BIJC Design Competition, designers must meet the following criteria, submit a PDF/JPEG design online, and meet the requirements outlined below in a timely manner:

- 18+ years of age
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Black in Jewelry Coalition member in good standing
- Be subject to a background check to determine eligibility for this competition

Note: The designer must submit a PDF/JPEG online for judging. Once the winning design is selected, the designer will begin fabrication/construction of the physical piece.

- **Jewelry Design Schedule**

The design competition will take place between 9:00 am ET on November 5, 2021, and 11:59 pm ET November 30, 2021. Judging will take place between December 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, and a winner will be notified by December 9, 2021.

- **Jewelry Design Competition Criteria**

Scoring in the BIJC Design Competition is based on the final product of each eligible entrant’s design and in accordance with the rules of this competition.

Each eligible entry will be judged on aesthetic, finishing, innovation, emotional value, relevance to the selected couple, craftsmanship, and uniqueness. Platinum materials will be provided by Platinum Guild International; gold materials will be provided by Rio Grande. The winning design will also have the approval of the winner of our Love Story Contest.

- **Jewelry Design Prizes**

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and partners, BIJC will award the following to the design competition winner.:

- \$5,000 cash prize
- Scholarship for 1 two-hour GIA online Continuing Education Seminar
- Scholarship for 1 Basic Tuition at GRS for Engraving or Stone Setting
- Scholarship for 1 Basic Tuition at New Approach School in Tennessee
- One-year of Jewelers Vigilance Committee membership
- One-year of Jewelers of America membership

Any and all applicable taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the design winner. Courses are non-transferrable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Prizes will be awarded during a digital or in-person awards presentation on a date to be set by BIJC in the future. The winner must be present at the awards presentation to receive prizes.

Prior to the design winner receiving the cash prize, the winner must complete all work for all underlying design competition and production of the winning design, including any sizing, adjustments of finishes required for the winning engagement ring.

Terms & Conditions for Jewelry Design Entrants

1. The decisions of the judges regarding selection of the winning designer are final.

2. The piece designed must be an original design of the designer entrant and cannot have been submitted to any other or previous design competition by the deadline date for submission.
3. It is the intention of BIJC that all designs, photographs, videos and renderings submitted by a designer entrant in connection with the competition remain the property of the designer entrant. However, by entering the competition, the designer entrants agree to the unrestricted use of same by BIJC before, during and after the period associated with the promotion of the competition.
4. Distribution of awards require the designer entrant to have a valid US tax identification or social security number. All US law and tax regulations applicable to the granting of the award shall be followed.
5. BIJC and its directors, associates, any agencies it employs and its members shall be held harmless from any and all claims, litigation or other legal proceedings from any source connected with this competition.

Rules for Love Story Entrants

- **Love Story Eligibility**

To be eligible for entry in the BIJC Love Story Contest, love story entrants must meet the following criteria, submit a love story online, and complete the requirements outlined below in a timely manner:

- 18+ years of age
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be one-half of the love story discussed in the contest submission essay
- Be subject to a background check to determine eligibility for this contest

- **Love Story Schedule**

The love story contest will take place between 9:00 am ET October 5, 2021, and 11:59 pm ET October 20, 2021, 11:59pm. Judging will take place between October

21, 2021, and October 28, 2021 and a winner will be notified by November 5, 2021.

BIJC will only accept and consider one love story submission per couple. Submission of more than one love story application may result in rejection from the competition.

- **Love Story Competition Criteria**

Scoring in the BIJC Love Story Contest is based on the final product of each eligible applicant's love story and in accordance with the rules of this contest.

Each eligible love story will be judged on uniqueness, and adherence of theme by a panel of experienced jewelry professionals, including editors, executives, and more.

- **Love Story Prizes**

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and partners, BIJC will awarding a free engagement ring to the selected love story winner, in accordance with the rules and terms and conditions provided by BIJC. Any and all applicable taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner – the ring is valued a minimum of \$7,500.

The engagement ring will be selected from a group of Jewelry Design competitors and judged by a panel of experienced jewelry professionals, including designers, executives, gemologists and more. The winner of the love story will have an opportunity to have a conversation with the design competition winner to provide some input to the final design.

Prizes will be awarded during a digital or in-person awards presentation on a date to be set by BIJC in the future. The winner must be present at the awards presentation to receive prizes.

Terms & Conditions for Love Story Applicants

1. Submitters of love stories must be the persons referred to in the story. Judges will not accept stories submitted on behalf of others. Only one submission per entrant.
2. Submitters of a love story agree to abide by the terms of the competition, and agree to have their identities and story examined for veracity, in the sole discretion of the judges and the BIJC. A background check may be conducted in the sole discretion of the BIJC.
3. Stories must be submitted in written form in the manner prescribed by the BIJC.
4. Once submitted, these stories become the sole intellectual property of the BIJC. Submitters agree that the content of their story may be used, without restriction, by the BIJC.
5. Submitters agree that they may be requested to provide photographs or other material connected to their submission. These photographs and other materials become the sole intellectual property of the BIJC and the material may be used without restriction by the BIJC in connection with the contest.
6. Submitters agree that, during the period associated with this competition including the selection and marketing of their love story, they will publicly and overtly manifest their intention to marry. If marriage between the submitters does not occur within no longer than one year after the award, the submitters agree to return to the BIJC the design piece associated with this competition.
7. BIJC and its directors, associates, any agencies it employs and its members shall be held harmless from any and all claims, litigation or other legal proceedings from any source connected with this competition.