

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - SUSTAINING FIRM



Firm Name: _____ Corporate Name: _____

Firm Location: Business District Residential Area Shopping Center

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Web Address: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____ Primary Contact Email: _____

Name of Sole Owner(s): _____ Active: Yes No

Name of Principals/Officers:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Active: Yes No

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Date of Incorporation: _____ Number of Employees: Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____

How did you hear about the American Gem Society? _____

Are you a client of AGS Laboratories? Yes No

Do you have any other locations? Yes No

- If yes, list additional address locations and number of employees on a separate sheet.

American Gem Society® Educational Requirements

In order to best protect the consumer through knowledge and ethics, and maintain membership of the firm, each American Gem Society Sustaining Firm member must have at least one individual, either the principal or a full-time employee (whose primary place of employment is with the firm's headquarters or North American office), complete the introductory portion of The AGS Way course and successfully complete the 15-question final exam to cover the important details of the Society. Please complete the following for the individual the Membership Department should contact to facilitate the completion of this education as it needs to be completed as part of the application process:

Applicant Name: _____

Please list the gemological courses completed (if applicable), and please be sure to include the dates. If these were GIA courses, please provide student number:

GIA Student #: _____

Courses Completed: _____

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Please complete the following sections and/or provide the necessary documentation in order to complete your membership application:

Products and Services: Please give a complete description of your product and services.

Letter Describing Your Business: Please write one to two paragraphs on your company stationary describing your business policies and standards, and why you wish to join the American Gem Society.

Letters of Recommendation: Sustaining Firm members must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from active American Gem Society members. Please list the members we can contact on your behalf to assist in collecting these letters.

Consumer Protection: Has your firm ever had a case before the Better Business Bureau, Federal Trade Commission, Jewelers Vigilance Committee or other such municipal, county or state consumer protection agencies? Yes No

- If yes, please submit information on a separate sheet.

Jewelers Board of Trade (JBT) Report: I understand that the American Gem Society can request a Jewelers Board of Trade (JBT) report about our firm. If not listed with JBT, a credit report and/or credit references will be provided by our firm. Members of the American Gem Society must comply with United Nations Resolutions to purchase diamonds from legitimate sources not involved in funding conflict.

Initials of Firm Principal: _____

Benefits Plan: Please select the benefits plan for your firm below. To learn more about the benefits available in each plan, please contact the Membership Department.

- Executive - \$690 Premier - \$1,710 Deluxe - \$2,930

Please note that your firm can change to a different benefits plan at any time. If your firm is interested in changing to a different plan, that change can be requested during your firm's annual renewal.

Payment Option: Please select the payment plan for your firm below. To learn more about the payments available in each plan, please contact the Membership Department.

- 6-Installment 12-Installment Pay-in-Full

Please note there is a \$2.50 fee per installment.

I hereby certify that the above statements and information are complete, true and accurate and understand that the correctness of the accuracy of the above statements and information and verification of the same are to be construed as a condition of precedent to membership. I authorize an investigation of the credit report of the above firm and of the above statements and information and authorize the release of information concerning damages or liabilities which might result from issuance of a credit report or from the verification or attempted verification of the above information and statements. If elected to membership, I agree to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Standards and Bylaws of the American Gem Society.

Firm Principal Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I give the American Gem Society permission to share the email address on this application with other American Gem Society members.