

Entry Guidelines

Professional

1. Open to anyone who is employed by a MN/ND retail member store with more than 3 years of experience.
2. Costs of all materials must not exceed \$4,000.
3. All entries must be designed and manufactured by the contestant, except for casting.
4. All entries must be designed and produced within 12 months of the contest. Design MUST be an original. Piece must be hand-crafted by the person submitting the entry.
5. Only precious metals (silver, gold, platinum, and palladium) may be used and all stones must be genuine.
6. The 1st Place Professional category winner must have their piece available in early 2009 for the Jewelers of America design contest.

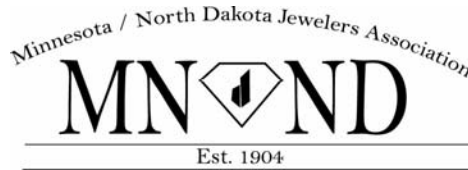
Apprentice / Advanced Student

1. Open to anyone who is employed by a MN/ND retail member store with less than 3 years of experience or who is enrolled in a post secondary course of study.
2. Costs of all materials must not exceed \$1,000.
3. All entries must be designed and manufactured by the contestant, except for casting.
4. All entries must be designed and produced within 12 months of the contest. Design MUST be an original. Piece must be hand-crafted by the person submitting the entry.
5. Only precious metals (silver, gold, platinum, and palladium) may be used and all stones must be genuine.

Judging Criteria:

Marketability
Design & Innovation
Craftsmanship
Wearability

The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, 10/26/08 at the MN/ND Jewelers Association Annual Convention.



**MN/ND Jewelers Association
Annual Design Contest
October 26, 2008
Bloomington, Minnesota**

Professional and Apprentice / Advance Student Design Contest Entry Form

One Entry per Form.

Entrant's Name _____ Job Title _____

Store / School Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Store Address _____
Street City ST ZIP

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Home Address _____
Street City ST ZIP

Please select Category: Professional: _____ Apprentice / Advanced Student: _____

Cost of Materials \$ _____

Did you use a laser welder or CAD CAM on your entry, and if so which one? _____

Detailed Description of Piece (including metals, stone description, process, inspiration for piece, etc.)

There is a \$20 entry fee per piece and all checks must be made payable to the MN/ND Jewelers Association.

All entries must be received by **10/13/08!** Send to Patty Burski, c/o Bachmans, 21 7th Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301.

I certify that the entry submitted is my own original work and that no outside contract labor, except for casting, has been employed in the production of this work.

Signature _____

Date _____

MN/ND Jewelers Association Design Contest

Throughout the year, Minnesota/North Dakota Jewelers gather from across the state for educational seminars and social events.

Each year, in conjunction with the Annual Convention, jewelry designers are recognized for their contributions to the jewelry industry. Jewelry designers are encouraged to enter specially created pieces of jewelry for competition in the Annual Design Contest.

The contest has categories for the professional and apprentice/advanced student category. First place winners, in each category, will receive a plaque and a press release for their local paper. Second and Third place winners will also be recognized. All other entrants will receive an award of merit.

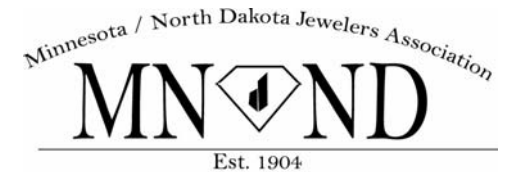
The First place winner in the Professional category must have their piece available in early 2009 for the Jewelers of America National Competition held at the New York JA Show. Special recognition may also be given to one piece for Artistic Design.

The winners will be announced at the Annual Convention to be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 in Bloomington, MN. All designers are encouraged to attend the Awards Luncheon.



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Design Contest Information and Rules



2007 Design Contest Winner

Kevin J. Cramer
R. F. Moeller Jeweler
St. Paul, Minnesota