

PAA Patronage Service

Beginning January 1, 2023, any organization requesting FIAP Patronage for a salon held in the USA is required to apply for PAA Patronage no later than one month prior to applying for FIAP Patronage. Once PAA Patronage is granted, then application for FIAP-Patronage can begin.

Steps to apply for PAA Patronage:

1) Read and understand all PAA and FIAP requirements.

The items linked from the webpage provide all the information needed.

2) Apply online:

Complete the application form and upload the proposed Conditions of Entry. Pay the \$50 application fee.

3) Make the needed adjustments to Proposed Salon's Conditions of Entry:

- * Salon General Chair works with the PAA President who is the FIAP Liaison Officer for the USA to revise the Conditions of Entry.
- * The number of sections that a judge will judge, and the qualifications of each judge to judge each section will be carefully reviewed, and changes made to conform to PAA salon judging requirements. If online judging, each judge for each section must be from a different country.
- * Determine the software that the salon will use and assure that it has the capability needed.
- * The PAA logo and Patronage number (e.g., 2025-008) are added to the Conditions of Entry and used in any promotional material.
- * The PAA Gold for each section (to be selected after PSA and/or FIAP Gold) is added to the salon list of awards.
- * Prepare and include text that states that the host organization is a member of PAA, the national photography society for the USA, and that PAA is the Operational Member of FIAP representing the USA, is added to the Conditions of Entry.
- * Text stating that acceptances and Awards received in this PAA Patronage salon are eligible to be included in a USA entrant's application for a PAA Distinction.

4) Pay for PAA Gold Medals and Receive PAA Patronage Items:

- * The PAA Patronage number will be sent via email.
- * PAA Gold Medals will be sent via mail to USA location.