



# PAA News and Updates

## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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### Twenty-three 2025 PAA FIAP Distinction Applications Approved

2025 is the seventh year that the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA), the FIAP Operational Member for the USA, submitted FIAP Distinction applications. Twelve applications were approved in 2019, nineteen applications were approved in 2020, thirty-three were approved in 2021, forty-two were approved in 2022, thirty-four were approved in 2023, twenty were approved in 2024, and 23 were approved this year.

The reinstatement of the requirement for acceptances from print entries in 2024 for the AFIAP and EFIAP greatly restricted the number of Americans who have applied for the first two FIAP Distinctions. Few Americans are print makers and the cost of sending prints from the USA to International Salons and Circuits with FIAP Patronage is exorbitant and consequently prohibitive. It is sad, but with very few PAA members applying for the AFIAP and EFIAP, there have been few continuing through the EFIAP Levels.

The formal celebration and presentation of the 2025 FIAP distinctions will be on Saturday, September 27, at the PAA Annual General Meeting during the PSA Photo Festival at the Holiday Inn Portland-Columbia Riverfront in Portland, OR, beginning at 9:00am. The certificates, pins, and updated FIAP Photographers Cards will be presented to those attending and mailed from PSA Headquarters after the Festival to those not attending.

### Six PAA Members Receive AFIAP

After at least one year since receiving their first acceptance in a FIAP-Patronage Salon, six PAA members have received the Artist FIAP (AFIAP) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed: 40 acceptances, from 15 different images (titles), in at least 15 FIAP-Patronage salons held in at least eight different countries. Four acceptances from different images (titles) needed to be from print entries. They also needed to submit five different digital images that each had three acceptances in different salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose) in different countries and were included in the

application acceptance list. These digital images could not resemble each other.

**NOTE: In 2026 an AFIAP application will not require acceptances from print entries!**

### Three PAA Members Receive EFIAP

After at least one year since receiving the AFIAP, three PAA members have received the Excellence FIAP (EFIAP) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed: 250 acceptances (including the 40 from the AFIAP), from 50 different images (titles), in at least 30 FIAP-Patronage salons held in at least 20 different countries. Twelve acceptances from different images (titles) must be from print entries. They also needed to submit five different digital images that each had three acceptances in different salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose), two of which had received Awards (Medal or HM) in different countries and were included in the application acceptance list. These digital images could not resemble each other, or the digital images submitted with their AFIAP application.

**NOTE: In 2026 an EFIAP application will not require acceptances from print entries!**

### Four PAA Members Receive EFIAP/b

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP (EFIAP), and using only acceptances received since the date on the EFIAP certificate (June 1), four PAA members have been awarded the Excellence FIAP Bronze (EFIAP/b) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed 200 new acceptances since receiving the EFIAP, from 50 different images (titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons from 5 different countries. They also needed to submit four digital images that each had new Awards, in different salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose), from different countries, and were included in the application acceptance list. These digital images could not resemble each other, or the digital images submitted with their previous FIAP distinction applications.

### Five PAA Member Receive EFIAP/s

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP Bronze (EFIAP/b), five PAA members have been awarded the Excellence FIAP Silver (EFIAP/s) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed 100 new acceptances since receiving the EFIAP including five that had received an Award (Medal or HM), with at least 100 different images (titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose) in at least 10 different countries. They also needed to submit five digital

images that did not resemble each other or previously submitted images, that each had new Awards (after the EFIAP) and were included in the application acceptance list.

### One PAA Member Received EFIAP/g

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP Silver (EFIAP/s), one PAA member has been awarded the Excellence FIAP Gold (EFIAP/g) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, he needed 200 new acceptances since receiving the EFIAP including six that had received an Award (Medal or HM), with at least 150 different images (titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose) in at least 15 different countries. He also needed to submit six digital images that did not resemble each other or previously submitted images, that each had new Awards (after the EFIAP) and were included in the application acceptance list.

### Three PAA Member Received EFIAP/p

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP Gold (EFIAP/g), three PAA members have been awarded the Excellence FIAP Platinum (EFIAP/p) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed 200 new acceptances since receiving the EFIAP including seven that had received an Award (Medal or HM), with at least 250 different images (titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons in at least 20 different countries. They also needed

to submit seven digital images that did not resemble each other or previously submitted images, that each had new Awards (after the EFIAP) and were included in the application acceptance list.

### One PAA Member Received EFIAP/d3

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP Diamond 2 (EFIAP/d2), Rowshan Akhter, APSA, GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP/d2, of East Elmhurst, NY, has been awarded the Excellence FIAP Diamond 3 (EFIAP/d3) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, she needed 200 new acceptances that each had received an Award (Medal or HM), with at least 50 different images (titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons in at least ten different countries. She also needed to submit seven digital images that did not resemble each other or previously submitted images, that each had new Awards and were included in the application acceptance list. PAA now has three members with the EFIAP/d3 Distinction!

For information regarding how to apply for a FIAP Distinction if you are a PAA member and live in the USA, check out: [psaphotoworldwide.org/page/paa-distinctions](https://psaphotoworldwide.org/page/paa-distinctions)



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