



PAA News and Updates

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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PAA Held Webinar to Introduce Photo Opportunities for PSA Student Members

On Saturday, August 22, **Joanne Stolte, HonFPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP**, presented a program for PSA Student Members, teachers, and parents. PSA Student Members all live in the USA and; therefore, are members of PAA, the national photography organization for the USA.

Joanne began the presentation by describing the Photographic Society of America Worldwide (PSA), the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA), and the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) and how these organizations are related and work together. She clarified the terminology each organization uses when referring to young photographers. PSA has a "student" membership for young photographers who are enrolled in a school/college/technical program. FIAP has programs for "youth" who are part of a national photography organization that is a member of FIAP.

The webinar then outlined the first opportunity for PSA Student Members. As a member of FIAP, PAA can facilitate PSA Student Members to have three of their images published in the quarterly FIAP News. Up to three PSA Student Members can be included in each issue. This program was described in the PAA article in the August PSA Journal which is linked from: paausa.org/paa-articles-psi-journal. Examples of the images which PSA Student Members have had published were then shown.

Next Joanne described the FIAP Youth Biennial and the PAA entry into the category for youth under 25 in the 2025 FIAP Biennial which placed third out of all countries that entered. She stated that PAA plans to enter both the category for youth under 18 as well as the category for youth under 25 in 2027. All PSA Student Members are able to submit images that will be evaluated to potentially be part of PAA's 2027 entry into the FIAP Youth Biennial. The methods that PAA will use to collect images for potential submission to both categories of the 2027 FIAP Biennial and the information to be included with the images were reviewed.

Lastly Joanne presented methods for PSA Student Members to earn recognition for their photography by earning distinctions which have letters that can be used after the photographer's name. The requirements for the NFIAP (Novice FIAP) Distinction, which is designed for beginning and young photographers, were reviewed. Joanne outlined the procedures and requirements for entering international photography contests and the costs involved in order to receive the

required "acceptances" for their images. Additionally, the PFIAP (Portfolio FIAP) Distinction was explained, the requirements were delineated, and examples of PAA FIAP Portfolios that were awarded the PFIAP were displayed.

A question-and-answer session followed the presentation. For more information about PAA: paausa.org



PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA WORLDWIDE

2026 Webinar

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PSA STUDENT MEMBERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND
12 NOON EASTERN TIME

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Guardians of the Sky © Yushi Bai 2025

PSA Student Members are also members of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA). PAA is a member of the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) and PSA Student Members can participate in FIAP Youth Activities

This presentation will review the relationship of these three photography organizations and describe the opportunity for PSA Student Members to publish images in the FIAP News and enter the 2027 FIAP Biennial. There will be time for questions & answers.

Joanne Stolte is President of the Photographic Alliance of America and the FIAP Liaison Officer for the United States of America.



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