

# PAA News and Updates



## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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PAA Website: [paausa.org](http://paausa.org)

### PAA to Award First PAA Distinctions at 2026 PAA Annual Meeting

Beginning in 2026, PAA will recognize its members for their FIAP, PSA, and PAA photographic achievements. The first PAA Distinctions will be presented at the 2026 PAA Annual Meeting during the PSA Festival in Las Vegas, NV.

The PAA Distinction application lists the photographic achievements that the candidate may have earned and the point value for each achievement. There are also areas where a photographic achievement may be added and the points for that achievement will be determined by the PAA Distinctions Director and the PAA President.

#### Minimum Requirements:

There is a minimum requirement of **being a PAA member and earning at least the NFIAP or AFIAP and the QPSA**. No minimum time of membership in PAA will be required. Proof of having earned the QPSA and AFIAP is not required.

#### Photographic Achievement Points Awarded for:

- Each **FIAP Distinction** (increasing points for each higher level: NFIAP=2 points, AFIAP=5 points, EFIAP=10 points, EFIAP/b=15 points, EFIAP/s=20 points, EFIAP/g=25 points, EFIAP/p=30 points, EFIAP/d1=40 points, EFIAP/d2=50 points, EFIAP/d3=60 points, EFIAP/d4=70 points, EFIAP/d5=80 points, EFIAP/d6=90 points, EFIAP/d7=100 points, EFIAP/d8=110 points)
- Each **PSA Distinction** (not PSA Star Rating) (increasing points for each higher level: QPSA=5 points, PPSA=10 points, EPSA=15 points, MPSA=25 points, MPSA2=30 points, GMPSA=40 points, GMPSA/B=45 points, GMPSA/S=50 points, GMPSA/G=55 points, GMPSA/P=60 points)
- Earning a **FIAP Portfolio Distinction** (increasing points for each higher level: PFIAP=5 points, PFIAP/b=10 points, PFIAP/s=20 points, PFIAP/g=40 points, PMFIAP=60 points)
- Earning a **PSA Portfolio Distinction** (Increasing points for each higher level: BPSA=10 points, SPSA=20 points, GPSA=30 points, GPSA2=40 points,



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- GPSA3=50 points, GPSA4=60 points, GPSA5=70 points)
- Earning the **MFIAP** (30 points)
- **Acceptance in FIAP free salon** (e.g., We Stay Home, The year 2020, Wildlife Only) (each acceptance=2 points)
- **Award** (including HMs) in **FIAP free salon** (e.g., We Stay Home, The year 2020, Wildlife Only) (each Award 3 points)
- **Award image** (including HMs) in any **PAA-Patronage Salon**, beginning January 2024 (Award=5 points, HM=3 points).
- Each **image selected for FIAP Cloud** from each years PAA applications (first image selected in a year=3 points, second image in a year=4 points, third image in a year=5 points, fourth image in a year=6 points)

#### PAA Distinctions Levels

- **PAA1 (First Level)** – Awarded for first **100** Points
- **PAA2 (Second Level)** – Awarded for additional **100** Points for a total of **200** points
- **PAA3 (Third Level)** – Awarded for additional **200** Points for a total of **400** points
- **PAA4 (Fourth Level)** – Awarded for additional **400** Points for a total of **800** points

- **PAA5 (Fifth Level)** – Awarded for additional **700** Points for a total of **1500** points

#### Application Form

Download the application form from the PAA web site >About>PAA Distinctions: [paausa.org/paa-distinctions](http://paausa.org/paa-distinctions). An application will not be processed until application fee is paid.

#### Fees

The fee is \$10 for PAA1, \$15 for PAA2, \$20 for PAA3, \$25 for PAA4, and \$30 for PAA5. PAA Distinction PayPal Payment: [psaphotoworldwide.org/page/paa-distinction-payment](http://psaphotoworldwide.org/page/paa-distinction-payment)

PAA Member Name:					GPSA
					AFIAP
Achievement	Level			Points	For PAA Use Only
FIAP Distinction					
PSA Distinction					
FIAP Portfolio Distinction					
PSA Portfolio Distinction					
MFIAP					
Acceptance in FIAP Free Salon	Year, Circuit/Salon Name	Number of Acceptances	Number of HMs	Number of Awards	Total Points
Award in FIAP Free Salon					
Award in PAA Patronage Salon					
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>				0	

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PAA Distinction	Date Awarded	Points Used
PAA1		
PAA2		
PAA3		
PAA4		
PAA5		

Application Form