



PAA News and Updates

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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New Requirements for Images Submitted with FIAP Distinction Applications

Beginning **January 1, 2026**, several significant changes will go into effect for photographers submitting FIAP Distinction applications.

Several of these changes have been described beginning with the August 2025 PAA Article in the *PSA Journal* and they are described on the PAA website: paausa.org.

It is important to now describe the new requirements for the images submitted with FIAP Applications. Previously, there were five images required to be submitted with the AFIAP and EFIAP applications, but then the number of images submitted ranged from four to seven. **Now all applications for FIAP Distinctions must include five images.**

The requirements regarding the number of acceptances for each image and the number of countries where the acceptances were received are outlined in the chart to the right. Additionally, once applying for the EFIAP/b, some images to be submitted with the application are required to have received varying number of awards in different countries.

Registration for PAA members in the USA for a 2026 FIAP Distinction Application is open from November 1, 2025, to January 10, 2026:
paausa.org/fiap-registration-form

Our Mission

PAA's Mission is to increase the international participation, visibility, and appreciation of American photographers and American photography.

Requirements for Images Submitted with FIAP Applications:

All applications must include five (5) images

For the **NFIAP**: at least 2 acceptances in 3 different countries

Five Images submitted with Application and Listed on Page A:

Image 1: 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country A

Image 2: 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country B

Image 3: 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country C

Image 4: 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country A

Image 5: 2 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country B

For the **AFIAP & EFIAP**: at least 3 acceptances in 5 different countries

Five Images submitted with Application and Listed on Page A:

Image 1: 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country A

Image 2: 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country B

Image 3: 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country C

Image 4: 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country D

Image 5: 3 acceptances with 1 acceptance in country E

For the **EFIAP/b to EFIAP/p**: at least 1 award in 5 different countries

Five Images submitted with Application and Listed on Page A:

Image 1: 1 award in country A

Image 2: 1 award in country B

Image 3: 1 award in country C

Image 4: 1 award in country D

Image 5: 1 award in country E

For the **EFIAP/d1 to EFIAP/d5**: at least 2 awards in 5 different countries

Five Images submitted with Application and Listed on Page A:

Image 1: 2 awards in country A

Image 2: 2 awards in country B

Image 3: 2 awards in country C

Image 4: 2 awards in country D

Image 5: 2 awards in country E

For the **EFIAP/d6 to EFIAP/d8**: at least 3 awards in 5 different countries

Five Images submitted with Application and Listed on Page A:

Image 1: 3 awards in country A

Image 2: 3 awards in country B

Image 3: 3 awards in country C

Image 4: 3 awards in country D

Image 5: 3 awards in country E