



PPLA Fellowship Merits Program

Service Degree (25 Merits)

PPLA President 6 Merits	PPA Council 2 Merits per year
PPLA Vice President 4 Merits	SWPPA Rep. 2 Merits per year
PPLA Secretary 3 Merits	LA Guild President 2 Merits per year
Board of Directors 2 Merits per year	LA Guild Vice President 1 Merit per year
State Convention Chairman 4 Merits	Speaker 2 Merits
Spring Chairman 3 Merits	(PPLA, SWPPA, PPA or LA Guild speaker per program)
Winter Chairman 1 Merit	Volunteer PPA Convention or Print Competition 2 Merits
Committee Chairman 2 Merits	Committee Member 1 Merit
Super Monday Speaker 2 Merits	Articles for eMiniatures... 1 Merit
Photographic Craftsman 3 Merits	

Artist Degree (25 Merits)

Annual Print Entries (PPLA Entries Only)

Court of Honor (80-89).... 1 Merit	Court of Honor (90-100).... 2 Merits
Photographer of the Year 3 Merits	Best in Show 2 Merits
Gallery or Masterpiece 2 Merits	People's Choice 1 Merit
Awards 1 Merit	Full Print Case Submission...1 Merit

PPA Degrees ... Issued Once

Master of Photographer 5 Merits	Other Masters Degrees 5 Merits
PPA Certified 2 Merits	

Attendance

PPLA 1 Merit per function	SWPPA or Texas State 1 Merit
PPA Convention 1 Merit	

Associate Fellowship (*Artist Degree earned + Service Degree earned*)

Full Fellowship (*Service Degree earned + 25 additional Services Merits & Artist Degree earned + 25 additional Artist Merits*)

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Merit and Degree Proposal

PPLA AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE REPORT

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With the new additions/changes presented to the PPLA Board of Directors for Approval on June 28, 2010.

We propose the additions/changes of the PPLA (Fellowship Points) program from the November 16, 2009.

- A PPLA Member must earn 13 Print merits to receive their Artist Degree. The only way a member can receive a print merit is by entering in the PPLA State Print Competition.
- During the PPLA State Print Competition, a print that earns 80–90 will receive 1 print merit and a print that earns 90–100 will receive 2 merits.

Degrees

PPLA Service Degree

- Must earn 25 service merits
- Will be awarded a purple ribbon
- Will receive a gold tinted Louisiana PPLA Medallion with the **first** Degree ribbon earned.
- Medallion to be worn attached to ribbon and transferred to any subsequent ribbon earned and to be replaced only with the PPLA Fellow Medallion)

PPLA Artist Degree

- Must earn 25 Artistic Merits (13 Merits must be earned by entering in the PPLA State Print Competition)
- Will be awarded a Green Ribbon
- Gold Louisiana Shaped PPLA Medallion to be worn attached to ribbon.

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PPLA Associate Fellowship Degree

- Must achieve the PPLA Service and the PPLA Artist Degree (50 merits, 25 from each category)
- Will receive a gray ribbon to replace current ribbon.
- Gold PPLA medallion to be worn attached to ribbon.

PPLA Fellowship Degree (the most prestigious Degree)

- Service Degree earned + 25 additional Services Merits & Artist Degree earned + 25 additional Artist Merits (Total 100 merits)
- Will receive a black ribbon to replace previous ribbon.
- Will receive a Black enamel Fellowship Medallion

Degree Color Ribbons

Fellowship	Black
Associate Fellowship	Grey
Service	Purple
Artist	Green
Certified (PPA)	Maroon

Degree Color Combinations

Black	Fellowship Only
Grey	Associate Fellowship
Purple & Grey	Service and Associate Fellowship
Green & Grey	Artist and Associate Fellowship
Purple	Service
Green	Artist

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Special Awards

- **Service Bar** to be received for every 25 subsequent merits earned after first 50 (from the service category.)
- **Artist Bar** to be received for every 25 subsequent merits earned after first 50 (from the Artistic Category)
- **6 for 6 Pin** to be awarded at the Awards Banquet to PPLA members who receive a Court of Honor for all 6 of their prints entered.

All other awards to remain unchanged at this time.

Past President's Pin – Presented at the Award's Banquet to the outgoing President.

National Award

Photographer of the Year – Highest Print Case

Kodak Gallery Award – chosen by the judges or a Kodak rep as the Superior Print in a given category.

Fuji Masterpiece Award – Best print in a given category chosen by the judges. Image must be captured by a Fuji Camera or printed on Fuji paper and must be clearly marked with the Fuji Label to be considered.

Judges Choice Award – Best print in a category chosen by the current PPLA President.

People's Choice Award – Voted on by the membership.

Best of Show – Highest Scoring print.

High Print by a PPA Certified Photographer.

Best First Time Entry – Highest scoring print by a first time entrant.

Emile Navarre Award – presented as the Executive Board deems necessary, for service above and beyond the call of duty on the State and National PPA levels.

Print trophy categories to be determined by the Photographic Exhibition Committee and to be announced before the competition.