

# POINT GUIDELINES



- Current PPA Member ..... 1
- Current SWPPA State Member ..... 1
- Attend SWPPA Event ..... 2
- Enter SWPPA District PO Competition ..... 3
- Enter SWPPA District Artist Competition ..... 3
- Each Merit entry at Southwest District ..... 1
- Published Article in SWPPA Magazine ..... 2
- Present program =< 1.75 hr at SWPPA ..... 2
- Present program => 2.0 hr at SWPPA ..... 4
- SWPPA Convention Chair ..... 3
- SWPPA Print Room Chair ..... 3
- SWPPA Props - A/V Chair ..... 3
- SWPPA Committee Chair..... 3
- SWPPA Web Committee Chair..... 3
- SWPPA Committee Member..... 1
- SWPPA Print Room Worker (starts 2015) ..... 1
- SWPPA President ..... 8
- SWPPA Officer ..... 4
- SWPPA Board Member..... 2
- SWPPA Alternate Board Member ..... 1
- Receive National Award from SWPPA..... 10
- Achieve Masters Degree..... 5
- Achieve Craftsman Degree ..... 5
- Achieve Master Artist Degree ..... 5
- Achieve Electronic Imaging Degree..... 5
- Achieve ABI or API Certification..... 3
- Achieve CPP Certification..... 3
- CPP Recertification (each time)..... 2

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# FELLOWSHIP AWARD PROGRAM



Full Fellow



Associate Fellow



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## PROGRAM PURPOSE



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## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION



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## "GRANDFATHER" CLAUSE



The Fellowship Award Program of the Southwest Professional Photographers Association was created to recognize those who have served SWPPA, attended SWPPA events, supported PPA and their state association or entered the Southwest District competition.

The Fellowship Award has two stages. The first stage is the Associate Fellowship Award which requires 50 points and is recognized with a silver medallion. The second stage is the Full Fellowship Award. It requires an additional 50 points, which makes a total of 100 points, for the Full Fellowship Award. It is recognized with a Gold medallion. To claim these points, you must fill out a form and submit it to the Executive Director for verification and documentation.

There are many ways of earning Fellowship points listed in this brochure. Some of these include participating in the SWPPA District Image Competition, writing articles for our magazine, attending our Expo, membership to PPA and your state or service to SWPPA. Please include the date and related info that you are claiming points for.

Points are not documented on your personal records file unless you submit the required form listing your service or participation.

The Fellowship point form is in our magazine and may be downloaded and printed from the website, [www.swppa.com](http://www.swppa.com). You may also submit your points online at our website. The deadline for filing your points each year is February 1. This will be for points earned during the preceding calendar year (January 1 thru December 31).

The administration and maintenance of the Fellowship Award program shall be managed and recorded by the Executive Director.

All points submitted shall be verified from historical records of SWPPA or any supporting documentation provided with the submission. Any unsubstantiated claims or discrepancies that cannot be verified, will be submitted to and resolved by the SWPPA Executive Committee.

When the program is launched and during the first two full years of the program (2016 and 2017) is the only time that points for prior service can be Grandfathered.

Since SWPPA does not assess any membership dues, the following exception shall apply. Participants who elect to submit forms and claim points for qualified Grandfathered service will need to pay a \$35.00 Grandfather Fee for each level and medallion you qualify for. If you have collected over 100 points, the fee would be \$70.00. This will cover the initial cost of materials for each degree you qualify for during the initial period. The Grandfather Fee must be submitted along with the Fellowship Point form.

Your filing form and Grandfather fee must be submitted by February 1st each year in order to be eligible for the Fellowship Award presentation at the next SWPPA Expo.

After qualifying for the Full Fellowship Award with 100 points, gold bars with the insignia of "XXV", may be earned for each additional 25 points claimed.

The term "Grandfathered" is used when referring to points claimed in years before 2015.

- Degrees from PPA. (i.e. Masters, Craftsman, Electronic Imaging, Master Artist, ABI, API, CPP Degree or National Award from SWPPA). These may be Grandfathered once at any time whenever filing points.
- Southwest District competition entries and merits received during the 2012, 2013 and 2014 competitions. This is limited to only these three prior years.
- Anyone may claim up to prior 10 years of PPA and state membership beginning with the year of 2005. ( max 10 points each)
- Anyone can claim points for previous articles written and programs or seminars given back through 2005. (10 years)
- Past attendance at SWPPA conventions. (Includes only years of 2006, 2008 Spring, 2008 Fall, 2010, 2012 and 2014).
- All years of service for previous and current officers on the SWPPA Executive Committee. This consists of the Chairman of the Board, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- All previous and current board members may claim points for their years of prior service as a board member.

To qualify for any "Grandfathered" points, one must submit the form listing the points claimed, along with the associated Grandfather fee. Please indicate the date when your degree was awarded, competition entered or when the service was performed.

Grandfathered service points can only be claimed by February 1, 2018. After that date, Grandfathered service points can no longer be claimed but the fee is no longer charged.

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