

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)



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The Photographic Alliance of America (PAA), like every Operational Member of the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP), is granted only one submission of FIAP Distinction applications in any one given year, and all the applications must be submitted together.

PAA Schedule for Submission of Applications for FIAP Distinctions

This schedule is for those who live in the United States of America (USA), are members of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA), and who are considering applying for photo Distinctions from FIAP. To be a member of PAA one needs to be an individual member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and a member of a PSA-member club in the USA.

FIAP Photographers Card

FIAP requires that anyone applying for a FIAP Distinction must have a FIAP Photographers Card. There is a fee of 50 Euros (approximately \$58) plus postage and PayPal charges. You can obtain a FIAP Photographers Card online at: <http://www.myfiap.net/user/register/fp>. When you arrive at this FIAP webpage, you will find a video that explains the process in detail.

Usually it is only those who are applying for the AFIAP who will need to acquire an FIAP Photographers Card. The number on your FIAP Photographers Card (your identification number with FIAP) must be on any FIAP Distinction application you submit. You need to get this card before PAA can begin processing your application. If you have a FIAP Photographers Card you are ready to begin the process.

FIAP Distinction for which you plan to apply and the date you received your last FIAP Distinction, if applicable; 4) your PSA Membership number and expiration date; 5) the name of the PSA-member club where you are a member and the club's PSA membership expiration date; and 6) a statement confirming that you have achieved the required criteria. Once this online form is received and reviewed, an **FIAP Distinction Application Packet** will be emailed to you.

When you receive the FIAP Distinction Application Packet you will need to complete all three pages of the FIAP Dossier and submit a copy of the Dossier to Joanne Stolte via email at: paa-president@psa-photo.org for checking **after December 10**.

When your FIAP Dossier has been approved and sent back to you, you can complete your application including making an online payment using PayPal. Do not send completed applications until **after January 10**. The final date to send your completed application via email to Joanne Stolte is **by March 31**.

This schedule ensures that anyone receiving a FIAP Distinction one year will be able to submit for the next Distinction with the necessary one year between applications.

Schedule for AFIAP, EFIAP, and EFIAP Levels

Potential applicants who have achieved the criteria (see pdf of Requirements for FIAP Distinctions linked from: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?paa-distinctions>) need to complete the online **FIAP Distinction Registration Form** which will automatically go to the FIAP Liaison Officer for the USA, Joanne Stolte. Make sure that you have met the criteria, and that FIAP has received the relevant documentation (the Salon Files) so that your application can be verified. You can check whether a Salon File has been received at: <http://patronages.fiap.net/salons.html>.

Complete your FIAP Distinction Registration Form **from December 1 until January 31 only!**

You will need to include on the form: 1) your complete name, address, email address, and telephone number(s); 2) your FIAP Photographers Card number; 3) the

Schedule Summary AFIAP, EFIAP, and EFIAP Levels

- Acquire FIAP Photographers Card: Before completing online FIAP Distinction Registration Form
- Complete online FIAP Distinction Registration Form: **after December 1 and before January 31**
- Submit completed FIAP Dossier for checking: **after December 10**
- Send completed application with approved dossier: **after January 10 and before March 31**.

Online FIAP Distinction Registration Form