

Schedule for Submission of Applications for FIAP Distinctions

Required Membership

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 the International Federation of Photographic Art (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.

FIAP Photographers Card and Profile Number

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.

When you apply for your FIAP Photographer's Card, you will receive a return email with your FIAP Platform Profile Number. This Profile Number allows you access to the FIAP web Platform (like the PSA Members Only area of the PSA website). Keep this email and make sure you have access to your FIAP Profile Number as you will need it in order to apply for a FIAP Distinction.

Usually it is only those who are applying for the AFIAP who will need to acquire a 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 register to submit an application.

If you have a FIAP Photographers Card and your FIAP Profile Number, you are ready to begin the process.

Schedule for AFIAP, EFIAP, and EFIAP Levels

Potential applicants who have achieved the criteria need to complete the "**Online FIAP Distinction Registration**" at: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?online-fiap-distinction-registration> which will automatically go to the USA FIAP Liaison Officer, Joanne Stolte, who will confirm the information submitted. 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>.

Submit your "Online FIAP Distinction Registration" **from November 1 until January 10** only!

Requested on the registration form are: **1)** your complete name, address, email address, telephone number(s), and USA citizenship status; **2)** your FIAP Photographers Card number and your FIAP Profile number; **3)** the 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, the club's PSA membership expiration date, and the club president's phone number; and **6)** a statement confirming that you have achieved the required criteria. After January 10 and once this online registration form has been received and reviewed (this may take from two to ten days), you will be asked to pay the \$25 Registration Fee online using PayPal. After the fee has been received, a "**2021 FIAP Distinction Application Packet**" will be sent 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: JBStolte@aol.com for checking **after January 25**.

When your FIAP Dossier has been approved and sent back to you, you can complete your application including making an online Application payment using PayPal. Do not send completed applications until **after January 25**.

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 MFIAP

The MFIAP has totally different criteria; therefore, the timeframe and assessment for the MFIAP are very different from the other FIAP Distinctions.

Potential applicants must have held the EFIAP Distinction for at least three years from the date on their EFIAP certificate. Prospective applicants who have previously applied unsuccessfully for the MFIAP must wait an additional three years before they can re-apply.

The applicant needs to produce a Portfolio of twenty prints. If you are interested in preparing a Portfolio for the MFIAP, complete the online **PAA FIAP Distinction Registration anytime during the year**.

Include in your email: **1)** your complete name, address, email address, telephone number(s), and USA citizenship status; **2)** your FIAP Photographers Card number; **3)** the date you received the EFIAP Distinction; **4)** whether or not you have previously applied for the MFIAP Distinction and, if you have, when (month and year) that was; **5)** your PSA Membership number and expiration date; **6)** the name of the PSA-member club where you are a member, the club’s PSA membership expiration date, and the club president’s phone number; and **7)** a statement confirming that you are interested in pursuing the MFIAP. Once the registration is received and reviewed, a “**MFIAP Distinction Application Packet**” will be sent to you.

Mohammad Ali Salim, MFIAP, the PAA Executive Committee member helping applicants with the MFIAP Application process, will not be able to advise you regarding the content or quality of the photography part of your application. That will be totally up to you. However, he will be able to assist you with the preparation of the paperwork for your application.

If you decide to proceed you will need to submit a completed MFIAP Dossier application and your prints **by December 31**. You can mail your completed application to Mohammad Ali Salim whenever you have finished; however, **not after December 31**.

Schedule Summary AFIAP, EFIAP, and MFIAP Levels

- * Acquire FIAP Photographers Card: **Before submitting the “Online FIAP Distinction Registration”**
- * Submit the online “FIAP Distinction Registration”: **after November 1 and before January 10**
- * Submit completed FIAP Dossier for checking: **after January 25**
- * Send completed application with approved dossier: **after January 25 and before March 31**

Schedule Summary MFIAP

- * Online MFIAP Portfolio Registration: **as soon as possible**
- * Email confirming plan to proceed to create Portfolio for MFIAP: **as soon as possible**
- * Submit completed Portfolio: **anytime, but not after December 31**

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