

MONTANA PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS' ASSOCIATION
SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM
FELLOWSHIP DEGREE PROGRAM

In April 2011, the MPPA Board of Directors adopted a new combined point system for the two MPPA degree programs---- the MPPA Service Award and the MPPA Fellowship Degree.

The intent of the two programs is to encourage more participation among ALL members--- rewarding them for their achievements plus their service to the association. The degree programs offer all MPPA members an opportunity to achieve one no matter what level of proficiency or involvement.

Degree holders will be recognized by the appropriate custom metals which may be worn at all MPPA, Western States District or PPA events.

SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

The MPPA Service Award was first proposed to the 1994 MPPA Board of Directors by Victoria Wojciechowski. It was created is to give recognition those who selflessly serve the MPPA.

Any MPPA member that has earned a total of 25 Service or Executive Service points only can be used to be earn a MPPA Service Award.

Gold Bars--- For every 25 additional points earned, the recipient may add a Gold Bar to the Ribbon of the Service Award.

FELLOWSHIP DEGREE PROGRAM

The MPPA Fellowship Degree was first proposed to the 1974 MPPA Board of Directors by Duncan MacNab. It was created to recognize Montana photographers who excel nationally and serve the state association.

Any MPPA member that has earned a total of 100 Fellowship Points, which MUST also include the following within the 100 points:

- Twenty (20) Photographic Fellowship Points
- Ten (10) Educational Photographic Fellowship Points
- Four (4) Executive Service Fellowship Points

Gold Bar Fellowship Awards--- For every 25 additional points earned, the recipient may add a Gold Bar to the Ribbon of the Fellowship Medallion.

Section I: Award Rules and Information/Merits

1. Service Award Degree 25 Points
2. Full Fellowship Degree 100 Points
3. Gold Bars 25 additional Points

Section II: Who is Eligible?

All MPPA Active, Associate, Aspiring, or Student members in good standing.

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Section III: Service Points

note: Service Awards MUST include 25 Service or Executive Service points only

1. Attending MPPA/Western States District/PPA annual Convention 3 points
2. Attending MPPA Summer Seminar 2 points
3. Attending MPPA One day Class 1 point
4. Annual MPPA Active Membership paid by February 1st 1 point
5. Helping at Events (*work in Print Room, Registration, Etc---2 hours minimum/ job*) . . . 1 point
6. Non-illustrated Article in MPPA newsletter or PPA Magazine 2 points
7. Illustrated Article in MPPA newsletter or PPA Magazine 3 points
8. Achieving Master of Photography or Master Artist Degree 3 points
9. Achieving Photographic Craftsman Degree 3 points
10. Achieving CPP Degree 2 points
11. Continued yearly compliance of CPP program 1 point
12. Continued yearly service as PPA Councilperson for Montana 2 points
13. Continued yearly service as PPA - CPP Liaison for Montana 1 point
14. PPA Service Merits 3 points
15. Receiving PPA National Award 2 points
16. Receiving MPPA Presidential Achievement Award 2 points

Section V: Executive Service Points

note: Service Awards MUST include 25 Service or Executive Service points only.

Fellowship Degrees MUST include --- Four (4) Executive Service Fellowship Points.

All positions listed must be with MPPA only.

1. Board Member (*must attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) 2 points
2. Print Chairperson Board Member (*attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) 1 points
3. Vendor Chairperson Board Member (*attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) . . 1 points
4. Endowment Board Member 1 point
5. Treasurer 3 points
6. Business Manager (*must attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) 4 points
7. Newsletter Editor (*must publish a 6 page minimum--- 4 times annually*). 3 points
8. Web Master 2 points
9. Fellowship Degree Chairperson 2 points
10. Second Vice President (*must attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) 3 points
11. First Vice President (*must attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) 3 points
12. Current Past President (*must attend 80% all Board meetings annually*) 2 points
13. President (*must attend 80% all Board meetings annually*). 5 points

Section VI: Educational Points

note: Full Fellowship Degrees MUST include --- Ten (10) Educational Photographic Fellowship Points

1. Speaker 1 to 2 hours MPPA / Western States District / PPA 3 points
2. Speaker 2.5 to 4.5 hours MPPA / Western States District / PPA 6 points
3. Speaker 5 to 8 hours MPPA / Western States District / PPA 10 points
4. Speaker 1 to 2 hours - other professional photographic events 1 point
5. Speaker 2.5 to 4.5 hours - other professional photographic events. 2 points
6. Speaker 5 to 8 hours - other professional photographic events. 4 points

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Section VII: Photographic Points

note: Full Fellowship Degrees MUST include --- Twenty (20) Photographic Fellowship Points

1. Four prints entered Print Competition (MPPA/Western States District/PPA) 1 point
2. Print Scoring 80 points or better (MPPA/Western States District/PPA) 3 points
3. Print accepted PPA Loan Collection. 5 points
4. MPPA Photographer of the Year award (*Master or non-Master*) 5 points
5. MPPA Top Ten Photographers of the Year (*non-Master*) 2 points
6. MPPA Top Five Master Photographers of the Year 2 points
7. MPPA Print receiving Judges Choice / Kodak / Fuji Masterpiece Award . . 3 points
8. MPPA Best Print of show (*Master or non-Master*) 3 points
9. MPPA First Place Award (*Master, non-Master, or CPP*) 3 points
10. Serving as Print Judge (MPPA/Western States District/PPA) 5 points
11. Serving as Jury Print Chairperson (MPPA/Western States District/PPA) 6 points

Section VIII: Rules

Please read and follow these rules **exactly**. If instructions and rules are not followed, the Fellowship Chairperson and /or MPPA Board of Directors may have no choice but to disallow the points. All decisions on eligibility of points will be made by the MPPA Board of Directors--- and will be final.

- A. Each member is responsible to submit their own Service Award / Fellowship Degree application by **May 1st** annually.
- B. Proof of Service, Education or Photographic points earned must include a copy of a Program, Newsletter, PPA published article, PPA Award Merit sheet, Print Competition Score Sheet, Etc. as proof of completion with Service Award / Fellowship Degree application.
- C. The requirements for the Service Award / Fellowship Degree will be retroactive as far back as the records of the association or proof from the applicant can be provided.
- D. Service, Educational or Photographic points awarded may only be used once per event or description.
- E. Fellowship Chairperson will submit an annual report to the MPPA Board of Directors of current members points recorded by November 1st annually.
- F. Request to review or challenge points recorded must be done in writing by the applicant to the Fellowship Chairperson by February 1st annually.
- G. The 2011 MPPA Board of Directors will honor any MPPA member who wishes to complete the original MPPA Fellowship Degree as stated in the 2010 Membership Handbook until April 30, 2012.
- H. The MPPA Board of Directors have the right to change any reported/earned points with a two thirds (2/3) vote.
- I. The MPPA Board of Directors have the right to change the Fellowship Degree Program when deemed necessary--- including descriptions, rules or points, to go into effect June 1st annually with a two thirds (2/3) vote. All Applications turned in 30 days prior will be "grand fathered" on past rules/points for a period of one year.
- J. Presentation of Service Award, Fellowship Degree, and Gold Bars Awards will be made at the MPPA Annual Awards Banquet.
- K. Degree holders will be recognized by the appropriate custom metal to be worn at all MPPA, Western States District or PPA events.

Prior to request finalizing points required for one of the Service Award or Fellowship Degrees, the degree applicant must be a MPPA Active, Associate, Aspiring, or Student member for thirty-six (36) or more consecutive months (with all dues paid annually) prior to making application for the degree.

MPPA SERVICE AWARD & FELLOWSHIP DEGREE PROGRAMS Application Form

This Application Form must be submitted by May 1st annually to the Fellowship Chairperson to record.
Each member is responsible for submitting their own Degree application.

Please mail to: Joni Dietz, Fellowship Chairperson, at PO Box 938 Manhattan, MT 59741.
Submissions may be emailed to : risingwolfstudio@msn.com

Make copy for your records. Deadline submission is May 1st of each year for the review and record of points earned.

Name: _____ Business Phone _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone _____ PPA # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Service Points: List type	Date rendered	Event	Points
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Executive Service Points: List type	Date rendered	Event	Points
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Educational Points: List type	Date & Hours	Association Level	Points
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Photographic Points: Print Title or Award	Year & Location	Score	Points
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Applying towards: Service Award Fellowship Degree Gold Bar **TOTAL** _____

Having fulfilled the above outlined points requirements, I hereby make a formal application to the Montana Professional Photographers' Association towards a MPPA Service Award or Fellowship Degree.
I am a member in good standing in MPPA, and have read all rules and exemplify the MPPA Code of Ethics.

Signature

Date