

PPLA Fellowship and Degrees Program

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Image Merits towards ARTISTRY DEGREE (min. 13 required)

Education Merits Towards ARTISTRY DEGREE

Service Merits towards SERVICE DEGREE (25 required)

An **Image Merit** is a merit earned from entering the Official PPLA State Image Competition, held annually, and scoring a minimum of 80 on a submitted image. (A score of an 80-89 receives 1 image merit.) (a score of 90-100 receives 2 image merits) an image may receive a maximum of 2 merits to be applied as Image Merits. Any other special award(s) that an image may receive will be applied as an **Education Merit**. Once an image has merited it may not be entered again in any PPLA Competition.

Please Note: The PPLA Spring competition is an educational critique opportunity designed to promote and prepare members for the PPLA State image competition. Therefore, no merits will be given for images in this event. However, for images scoring 80 and above, we encourage the maker to re-enter for their images to be judged at the PPLA State Print Competition.

An **Education Merit** is a merit earned by attending PPLA functions such as PPLA State Convention (SPX), Spring Seminar, and PPLA educational events. An education merit may also be earned by entering at least 6 images in the State Competition. Any merits for special awards on prints will be applied as Education Merits.

A **Service Merit** is earned by serving on the executive board, working on committees, chairing committees, presenting educational programs, teaching and volunteering.

ARTISTRY DEGREE



PPLA Imaging Artistry Degree (PPLA Artist)

One must accumulate 25 merits (13 of which must be “Image Merits”) from the Artistry Category, and be a member of PPLA in good standing for a minimum of two consecutive years in order to be eligible for the PPLA Imaging Artistry Degree.

This degree’s emphasis is photographic excellence and education. It concentrates on learning the craft of photography and learning the business of photography. Those who have earned the Artist Degree will be known by the medal they will be required to wear at all PPLA and affiliate functions. These degree holders must uphold the spirit of intent set forth by the PPLA Mission Statement, to share and impart knowledge.

PPLA Service Degree



One must earn 25 Service Merits, and be a member of PPLA in good standing for a minimum of two consecutive years in order to be eligible for the PPLA Service Degree.

*Merits for serving as a committee member must be approved and submitted by the committee chair at the end of service year. Committee Chair or Member time served is from end of SPX to the end of SPX the following year and merits will be posted then.

PPLA Associate Fellowship Degree

After you have successfully earned both your PPLA Service and Artistry Degrees, you will have a minimum of 50 merits, (with at least 25 merits from each degree category.) This achievement will earn you the **PPLA Associate Fellowship Degree**. This award will be designated by a GRAY RIBBON with both of the existing medals on it.

PPLA Fellowship Degree



To earn the PPLA Fellowship Degree and become a “Full Fellow, a total of at least 100 merits are required. You must first have obtained an Associate Fellowship with an additional 25 merits from the artistry category, and an additional 25 merits from the Service category. **Please note:** You are only required the original 13 Image Merits needed to complete your Imaging Artistry Degree. The additional 25 merits needed from the artistry category may all be Education Merits, all Image Merits, or any combination thereof from this category.

A PPLA Fellowship is the highest degree a Louisiana Photographer may obtain. A PPLA Fellowship symbolizes a status of respect and achievement for one who has steadily and consistently demonstrated responsibility with honor and humility. A PPLA Fellowship inspires artistic excellence and the ability to recognize it. A PPLA Fellowship symbolizes a willingness to share knowledge with other photographers and a desire to give back to the organization that has facilitated the education and personal growth of so many.



+25 BAR

This is a bar that is to be placed onto your PPLA Artistry, Service or Fellowship ribbon for each (25) merits after the initial (25) in each category. A **GOLD BAR** will be awarded for Artistry and a **SILVER BAR** will be awarded for Service.

How to Earn PPLA State Merits

Artistry Degree - A total of 25 merits needed

Image Merits (13 needed for degree plus 12 Educational):

Image Scoring 80-89 in the SPX State Competition	1
Images Scoring 90-100 in the SPX State Competition	2

Education Merits (12 needed for degree plus 13 Image):

SPX Competition:

Photographer Of The Year	3
Louisiana Elite Award	2
People's Choice Award	1
Judges Choice Ribbon	1
First Place In A Category	1
President's Award	1
ASP Award	1
6 for 6	2
5 for 6	1
Best 1st Time Entrant	1
CPP Award	1
Enter SPX Image Competition with at least 6 images	1

Spring Competition:

Enter at least 6 images	1
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Attendance:

PPLA SPX (full attendance)	2
PPLA SPX 1 day	1
PPLA Spring Convention	1
PPLA Scheduled Event (full attendance)	1
PPA's Imaging Convention	1

PPA Degrees & Awards (Issued only once):

Master Of Photography	5
Master Of Wedding	5
Master Artist	5
Certified Professional Photographer	2
Certified Drone Photographer	2
National Award	1

Service Degree - A total of 25 merits needed

Service Merits (25 needed for degree):

Executive Board and Board Of Directors:

PPLA President	6
PPLA Vice President	4
PPLA Secretary	3
PPLA Board Of Directors	2

PPLA Committees:

Committee Chairman	2
Committee Member	1
Executive Director (committee merits)	5

Speakers and Judges:

PPLA Event Program Speaker	2
PPLA Critique or Competition Judge	2
PPA Super 1 Day Speaker	2

Volunteers:

PPA Council Representative for LA	2
PPA Imaging Volunteer or Speaker	2
PPA CPP Liaison	2

PPA Degrees:

PPA Photographic Craftsman	5
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