



Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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Plan NOW to receive FIAP Distinctions via PAA in 2020

If you are a PSA member living in the United States of America (USA), and are a member of a PSA-member club in the USA, you are a member of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) and can utilize one of the benefits of this membership: applying for a photography distinction from the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP).

If you are a PAA Member entering International Photography Exhibitions/Salons, are getting acceptances, and may have applied for a PSA Recognition of Photographic Achievement (ROPA) photography distinction; you might have met the requirements for the first FIAP photography distinction, the AFIAP.

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. That time of year is approaching. Online registration will be from **December 1, 2019 until January 15, 2020**; and preparation of the application will take place from **January 16, 2020 until March 31, 2020**. All of the 2020 PAA FIAP Distinction applications will be submitted early in April.

Now: Acquire FIAP Photographer's Card

The FIAP Photographer's Card is a credit-card-sized identification

document. Although it has no status outside FIAP, the card can be useful to show as a photographic credential. The card also includes the FIAP identification number that the holder of the card must include in any application for a FIAP Distinction. Unless you already have a FIAP Photographer's Card, you will need to obtain one before your first application for a FIAP distinction. 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.

During the FIAP Photographers Card application process you will create a personal profile on the myfiap.net platform (password-required area of FIAP website). You will obtain a username (FIAP Platform Profile Number: FP-XXXXXXX) and create a password which are required for login to the FIAP platform (similar to logging into the MyPSA area of the PSA web site). You will receive your FIAP Platform Profile Number (the capital letters FP, a dash, and seven numerals; Sample: FP-0000000) in an email with the Subject line "Account Details FP-XXXXXXX at FIAP" after you apply for your FIAP Photographer's Card. You need to include your FIAP Platform Profile Number on any FIAP Distinction application you submit.

December 1 to January 15: Complete the PAA Online FIAP Distinction Registration

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**. PAA FIAP Distinction Registration for 2020 begins on December 1, 2019 and closes on January 15, 2020.

During registration you will provide basic contact information and specific information that will be verified to assure that you live in the United States of America (USA), that you are a member of PSA, and that you are a member of a PSA-member club in the USA. You will be contacted if there are questions regarding any of the information that you provide in the online Registration Form.

January 16 to March 31: Complete 2020 FIAP Distinction Application

After online registration closes on January 15, all of the 2020 FIAP Distinction Application Packets will be sent via email to the successful registrants at one time. Each "Packet" will include detailed instructions and the 2020 FIAP Application (Dossier) that is in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. It consists of three pages labeled Page A, Page B, and Page C; and must be completed using a computer.

After April 1: Liaison Officer Submits all 2020 FIAP Distinction Applications to FIAP

As soon as possible after April 1, all the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) 2020 FIAP Distinction Applications will be submitted to the FIAP Distinctions Office. The signed hard-copy applications will be mailed in one package. The complete digital Application and the application Portfolio image files for each applicant are sent electronically, one after the other, on the same day.

Current Information

For more information regarding the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA): <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?paa>, and follow PAA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Photographic-Alliance-of-America-1986883941590941/>.