

PAA News and Updates

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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FIAP Distinctions for USA PSA Members

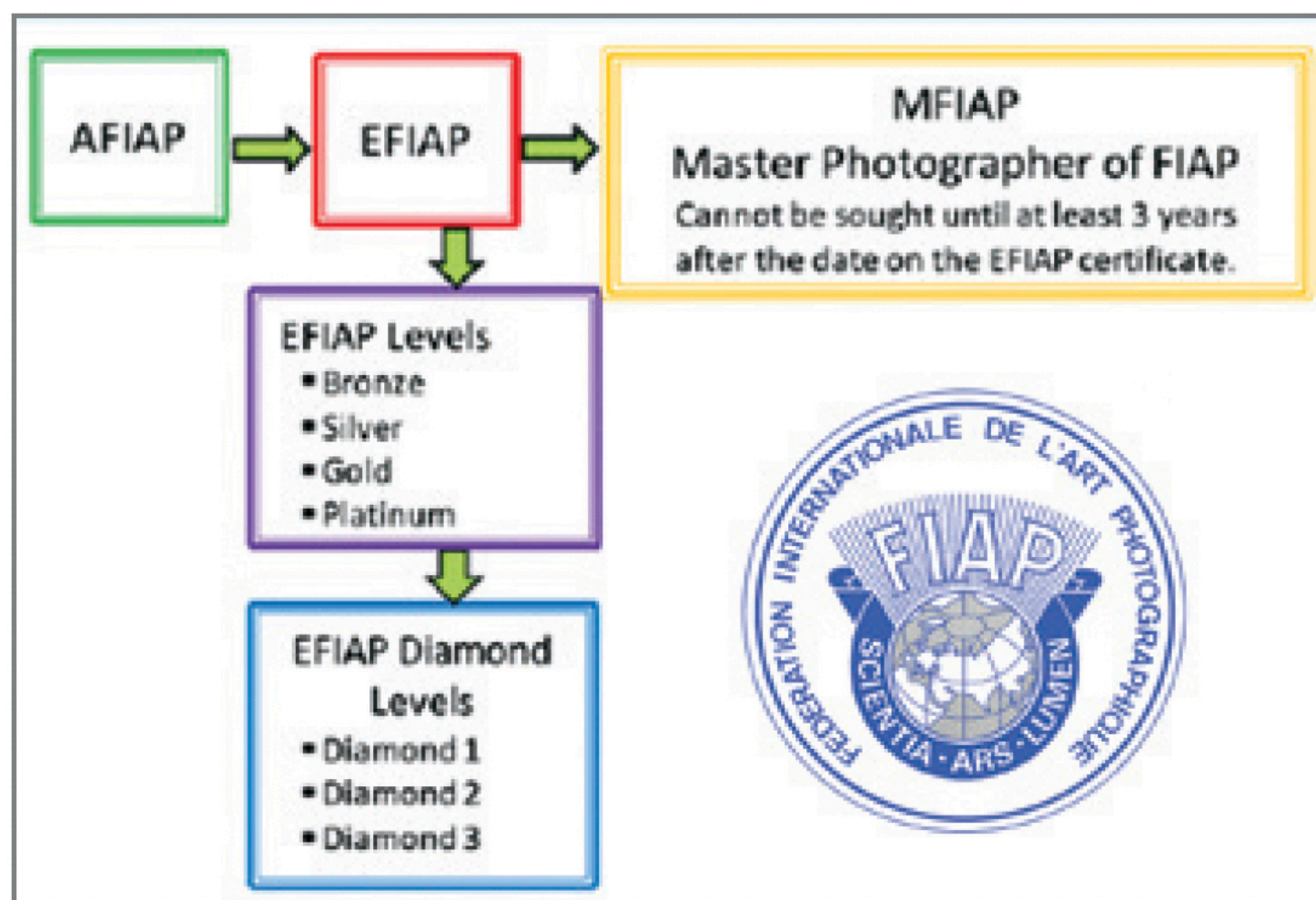
If you live in the USA and have received PSA Star Ratings and/or a PSA ROPA Distinction, you have received acceptances in International Exhibitions/Salons with PSA-Recognition. There is a high likelihood that many of these Exhibitions/Salons also had Patronage from the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) and the acceptances you received can be applied to FIAP Distinctions, the first Distinction being Artist (AFIAP).

FIAP does not consider whether your acceptances were in Color, Mono, Nature, Travel, etc. FIAP does consider the number of acceptances and images (titles), the number of countries and FIAP-Patronage salons where your acceptances were received, and you need to have five images that have received three acceptances in different salons (a circuit counts as one salon in this case), from different countries.

Increased FIAP Distinction Requirements Planned for 2023

Increased FIAP Distinction requirements, which need to be approved at a FIAP General Meeting, are planned to go into effect for FIAP Distinction applications submitted **after January 1, 2023**. Therefore, with no change for those USA (Photographic Alliance of America—PAA) applications which will be submitted to FIAP in April 2022, there is a **significant reason to apply in 2022**.

For example, for the Artist FIAP (AFIAP): 40 acceptances are now required, but that will increase to 90; now 15 different images (titles) are required, but that will increase to 30; and the acceptances now must be from eight different countries, but that will increase to 15 different countries. No acceptances



from print entries are now or will be required.

Additionally, for the Excellence FIAP (EFIAP): 250 acceptances are now required including the 40 submitted for the AFIAP, but that will increase to 250 new acceptances; now 50 different images (titles) are required, but that will increase to 100; and the acceptances now must be from twenty different countries, but that will increase to 30 different countries. No acceptances from print entries will be required.

2022 FIAP Distinction Application Process

The Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) must submit all FIAP Distinction applications as a group once a year. Online registration will begin on November 1, 2021 and continue through January 10, 2022. The PSA membership through June 2022, USA PSA-member club membership, and USA resident status of each registrant

will be checked. The registrant's club President will be contacted for a signed certification of the registrant's membership, and a Permanent USA Residency Card or other documents may be requested. A professional-style head shot with a plain background will need to be submitted with the online registration.

All successful registrants will be sent a PAA Packet of instructions and forms approximately January 25 to complete to apply for a 2022 FIAP Distinction. These items need to be sent for review, and totally completed and submitted by March 20 so all PAA distinction applications can be submitted to FIAP on April 1.

For more information check the PAA website: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?paa-distinctions> and follow FIAP Distinction announcements on the PAA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Photographic-Alliance-of-America-1986883941590941/>.

Registration for 2022 FIAP Distinctions Opens Monday, November 1, 2021