



# PAA News and Updates

## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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### FIAP Announces 2026 Distinction Requirements

These new requirements will go into effect for PAA FIAP Distinction applications submitted to FIAP **after January 1, 2026**. This article describes the most significant changes for PAA members beginning January 1, 2026.

### No More than Ten Acceptances/Awards from an Image/Title

Beginning January 1, 2026, an image/title/photo/work **cannot have more than ten (10) acceptances/awards listed** on a FIAP Distinction application form. Acceptances/awards for salons/exhibitions with FIAP Patronage numbers earlier than 2026 can have more than ten acceptances listed in a FIAP Distinction application form.

### New Optional Entry Level Distinction Created

A new **optional** entry level FIAP distinction has been created. The NFIAP (Novice) will require only **25 acceptances**, from only **five countries**, with acceptances from only **ten titles/images**, and the candidate must provide five digital files for images with at least two acceptances in three different countries.

Additionally, the applicant must have a **FIAP Photographers Life Card** (50 Euros); however, there will be **no FIAP Distinction fee** for the NFIAP. Newcomers to salon/exhibition competition and earning distinctions for their photography have the option of beginning with the NFIAP or the AFIAP.

### New EFIAP/d4 to EFIAP/d8 Created

The EFIAP Diamond Levels have been extended past the EFIAP/d3. PAA has three members with the EFIAP/d3, and they can now continue receiving recognition for their photography achievements in FIAP Patronage salons/exhibitions. Those climbing the FIAP Distinctions ladder now have more opportunities to earn recognition for their photography.

### New Requirements for FIAP Distinctions

The chart below lists the new total (cumulative) number of acceptances, countries, and titles required for each FIAP Distinction. The **AFIAP now requires 75 acceptances** (previously 40 acceptances); however, no acceptances from print entries are required. The **EFIAP now requires 200 acceptances** when previously 250 acceptances were required and there was a requirement of twelve (12) acceptances from print entries; however, no acceptances from print entries are required.

Distinction	Acceptances	Countries	Works
NFIAP	25	5	10
AFIAP	75	15	20
EFIAP	200	20	40
Previously, after receiving the EFIAP, the applicant had to use acceptances received after the date on their EFIAP certificate. This is no longer the case. Two hundred (200) new acceptances plus the 200 acceptances in the EFIAP application will be required.			
EFIAP/b	400	25	80
EFIAP/s	600	30	130
EFIAP/g	900	35	200
EFIAP/p	1200	40	300
After receiving the EFIAP/p, all previously received awards cannot be used, except for those awards obtained one year before having received the EFIAP/p (date on certificate). Those awards can be used unless they have already been utilized for the EFIAP/p distinction. Starting with the EFIAP/d1 applicants must use new photographs (not previously listed in application).			
	Awards	Countries	Works
EFIAP/d1	50	10	15
EFIAP/d2	100	15	30
EFIAP/d3	200	20	60
EFIAP/d4	350	25	100
EFIAP/d5	500	30	150
EFIAP/d6	650	35	200
EFIAP/d7	800	40	250
EFIAP/d8	950	45	300