

# IPPG Fellowship Degree Award Program

## Section I: Fellowship Degree Award Categories

1. Fellowship Degree ..... 25 credits
  2. Gold Bar ..... 25 credits
- \*Each set of 25 credits must include at least 5 Print credits*

## Section II: Eligibility

All paid, active members in good standing as well as “additional active” and “associate” members in good standing.

## Section III: Rules

Please read and follow the rules exactly. Not to do so may cause loss of credits. If instructions and rules are not followed, we will have no choice but to disallow the credits. All decisions on eligibility for credits will be made by the Fellowship Committee. These decisions will be final. The Fellowship Committee will be made up of a Fellowship Recorder and the IPPG Board. The Fellowship Recorder will be either a committee member in good standing or one of the board members.

- A. Credits are awarded on a yearly basis. Credits earned in one calendar year cannot be entered into your record for the past or future year. The calendar year runs from January-December.
- B. Each member is responsible to submit his own credits to the Recorder each year no later than the November membership meeting.
- C. Service and Print credits submitted may be subject to verification.
- D. The Fellowship Degree Award requires 25 credits with a minimum of 15 Service credits earned through service to IPPG and a minimum of 5 Print credits. The remaining 5 credits may be earned through any combination of Service or Print credits, through IPPG or other PPA affiliate programs and print competitions.
- E. Members who earn the Fellowship Degree Award will be awarded a Gold Bar for each additional 25 credits earned in the same combination (15 Service to IPPG, 5 Print credits, 5 credits from other combination of Service or Print credits, through IPPG or other PPA affiliate programs and print competitions.
- F. No member can acquire more than 10 IPPG credits in a calendar year until they have received their Fellowship Degree, after which time all credits will be recorded for Gold Bar award(s) or by special board of directors' action.
- G. The presentation of the Fellowship Degree awards and bars will be made at IPPG's annual awards banquet.

- H. All member receiving a Fellowship Degree medal with ribbon are requested to wear the award at all photographic IPPG and PPA affiliate meetings or programs.
- I. The IPPG Board of Directors, by 2/3 vote, may retract a member's credits and/or degrees for sufficient cause.

## Section IV: Service Credits

<b>Service Item</b>	<b>Credits</b>
1. 100% attendance of IPPG monthly meetings for the calendar year	1
2. Current paid membership with IPPG	1
3. Paid membership to PPA	1
4. IPPG Committee Role	1
5. Print Chairperson (IPPG Convention/State Fair)	3
6. Judging Chairperson (IPPG Convention/State Fair)	2
7. Publicity Chairperson (IPPG Social Media)	2
8. Articles in IPPG Newsletter or Website (per article) - <i>max 2 per year</i>	2
9. IPPG Newsletter Editor ( <i>per year</i> )	2
10. IPPG Webmaster ( <i>per year</i> )	2
11. IPPG Board Member ( <i>other than President role</i> )	2
12. IPPG Board President	4
13. Program Speaker at IPPG, PPA affiliate, PPA, or PPI	2
14. Print Judge at IPPG or other State level, PPA affiliate or PPA	2
15. State Fair print competition service (1/2 day)	1
16. Each PPA Service merit (Winona, etc.)	1

## Section V: Print Credits

<b>Print Item</b>	<b>Credits</b>
1. Submission of a print case to professional category at State Fair	1
2. Individual print scoring 75-79	1
3. Individual print scoring 80+	2
4. State Fair Top 10	1
5. State Fair Photographer of the Year	2
6. State Fair Wedding Photographer of the Year	2
7. Each PPA Exhibition merit	1

**Note:** PPA's Degree Program uses the term "merit" towards its degrees. To avoid confusion, we have used the term "credit" for our IPPG Awards Program. PPA merits are earned towards three different degrees across 4 categories: *Exhibition, Artist Exhibition, Speaking or Service*. For details, refer to the PPA website.