



Award Recognition PROGRAM

Recognizing professional growth & service to the Association and our profession.



Guidelines & Personal Point Register

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Statement of Purpose

The Maine Professional Photographers Association (MPPA) established the Award and Recognition Program in 2009, that mirrors the national (PPA) degree program, to recognize photographic excellence and service to the photographic community (and self) through volunteerism and education.

It is our hope that these awards will serve to inspire new and current members to become and stay active in the professional community, to continue learning and improving through education and attendance at photographic events, and to recognize those individuals whose photographic excellence and service are exemplary.

MPPA Awards

There are three (3) awards that can be achieved as follows:

Maine Photographic Excellence Award - Awarded for superior photographic competence through photographic competition, advanced education, and service to the profession. 25 Points earns a *gold medallion with a green ribbon*, with a bar earned for each additional 25 points. For each 25 points, 13 must be Image Points and the remaining 12 can be from any point category.

Maine Fellowship Award - Awarded to recognize service, fellowship, and continuing education. 25 Points earns a *silver medallion with a purple ribbon*, with a bar earned for each additional 25 points. For each 25 points, 5 points must be Membership Points, 13 must be Education Points, and the remaining 7 can be from any point category.

Maine Distinguished Colleague Award - This award is reserved for the MPPA to bestow upon a member who has gone above and beyond expectations in their service to association and the photographic profession. The individual may or may not have already received other awards, honors, and degrees. This award is for an individual nominated by the membership or identified by the ARC or Board whom the MPPA feels additional accolades are in order to recognize a member's continued exceptional service to the MPPA. It is not an award earned by accumulation of points like the other two, but is a special honor that the MPPA may bestow upon a deserving member. To nominate a member that you feel is deserving of this award, please complete the nomination form online at: maineppa.com/Distinguished-Colleague.

Medallions and bars that are issued as part of this award program are to be worn at all state, regional, and national functions. A certificate suitable for framing will be issued with each award.

Lobster Pin Incentive - The *Maine Photographic Excellence Award* and *Maine Fellowship Award* are accolades that may take considerable time and effort to achieve. As an added incentive to work hard, be involved, learn a lot, and earn points, we offer the "Lobster Pin incentive". Those members that accumulate 12 points in a calendar year (regardless of category) will be bestowed the Lobster Pin. You can earn one every year, and it can be worn on your clothing or fastened to your Photographic Excellence or Maine Fellowship ribbons.

General Information

The Award and Recognition Committee (ARC) - The Award and Recognition Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President at the first meeting of the calendar year. The ARC shall consist of not less than 2 members and shall meet at least once a year prior to the annual convention to review records and prepare a list of eligible award recipients. The Award and Recognition Committee Chairperson shall make all necessary arrangements for the procurement of the awards (medallions, certificates, etc). A list of all those who qualify for an Award shall be presented to the Board for final approval.

The current ARC Chairperson is [Crystal Reynolds](#) and you can contact her with any questions, comments or program suggestions. If you would like to become involved in the MPPA or the ARC, we would welcome your help... and would reward you with some points towards awards!

Membership Requirements - Any individual wishing to participate in the *Maine Professional Photographers Association's Award & Recognition Program* must be a current member in good standing with MPPA at the time points being claimed are earned to be eligible for awards. Membership must be in consecutive years. If a lapse in membership occurs, all previously accumulated points are NOT forfeited. The member, upon renewal, must supply their own copy of their annual list of approved credits. The Award and Recognition Committee cannot be held responsible for records of lapsed members.

Earning an Award - The program will run on an annual basis. No credits will be awarded for any achievements prior to establishment on January 1, 2009. Members are responsible for keeping track of the points they accumulate during the year. The *Maine Photographic Excellence Award* and the *Maine Fellowship Award* both rely on members accumulating points. There are four (4) types of points that can be earned: Image, Education, Membership, & General. Points can only be awarded to individuals, not to studios. A point can only be used once in any one category (no "double dipping"). For example, if you earn a point for attending a photographic seminar, you must decide whether to use it towards your Fellowship Award as an "education" point OR if you'd like to put it towards your Photographic Excellence Award as a "general" point; it cannot be used in both places.

Deadline to Submit Points - All members must submit their *point summary form* each year by **FEBRUARY 1st** (online at: maineppa.com/awards-recognition). We can not guarantee that any awards or incentive earned in the previous calendar year will be presented if forms are submitted after the deadline. You MAY, however, submit your points at any time during the year and any awards earned will be presented the following year at convention (not to include the lobster pin incentive).

Awards Presentation - ALL awards shall be presented annually at the MPPA Awards Banquet at Convention. If a recipient does not attend the banquet, the Award shall be presented at the next monthly meeting that the recipient attends.

Point Categories

IMAGE POINTS

A maximum of 7 points can be used towards Image Points in one calendar year; additional points earned through image competition may be used as "other" general category points.

Entering a minimum of two entries in MPPA image competition (including albums)	1 point
Each entry scoring a blue ribbon (score of 80 or above)	1 point
Receiving a "Category" Photographer/Image of the Year award (each category)	1 point
Each entry receiving a Judge's Choice award	1 point
Entry receives "Best of Show"	1 point
Awarded "Win Tracy Photographer of the Year"	3 points
Entry receives other award (Client Image, Creative Challenge, etc)	1 point

EDUCATION POINTS

A maximum of 7 points can be used towards Education Points in one calendar year; additional points earned through education may be used as "other" general category points. NOTE: Education Points can NOT be earned for college classes (or similar) for which you receive academic or other credit. A list of all [previous year's events](#) can be found on the MPPA website for your convenience.

Each photographic educational event attended (MPPA or other Affiliate programs)	1 point
MPPA, PPA, or other Affiliate Convention attendance (2-3 consecutive days)	2 points
Attendance at a multi-day seminar or PPA Affiliate School	2 points
Speaker/Judge at MPPA or other photographic program (1 hr minimum)	2 points

MEMBERSHIP POINTS

A maximum of 3 points can be used towards Membership Points in one calendar year; additional points earned through membership may be used as "other" general category points.

MPPA Membership (must have dues paid and remain active for entire calendar year)	1 point
Perfect attendance (attend all regular/monthly meetings & 1 day of convention)	1 point
Refer a new member to join MPPA (2 points per member)	2 points

Point Categories continued

GENERAL POINTS

Unlimited points; Members may request special consideration of other contributions to the association or professional growth in the photographic industry, per approval of the committee with points to be determined. Must provide documentation.

BOARD & COMMITTEE RELATED

MPPA President	5 points
Service on the MPPA Executive Board (1 st VP, 2 nd VP, Treasurer, or Secretary)	4 points
Service on the MPPA Board of Directors	3 points
Webmaster	2 points
Image Competition Chairperson	4 points
Image Competition Committee Member (minimum of 6 hours service)	2 points
Other Committee Chairperson	2 points
Committee Member	1 point
Content Creator (newsletter, social media, blog, etc.)	2 points
Convention Book Editor	2 points
Convention Hospitality	1 point

OTHER

Host Studio for MPPA seminar/meeting	1 point
Mentor a new member (assigned this role by MPPA Board)	2 points
Distinguished Colleague Award recipient	3 points
Become certified through PPA (CPP)	2 points
Continued compliance with certification (each 3 year renewal to maintain CPP status)	1 point
Each PPA Degree awarded (M.Photog., Cr.Photog., M.Artist, or M.Wed.Photog.)	5 points

If you earned 12 or more points this year, CONGRATULATIONS! You've earned a lobster pin!

For the *Maine Photographic Excellence Award* and *Maine Fellowship Award*, we will allocate your points to your benefit. Points are accumulative and will be carried forward from year to year until an award is earned, at which time the appropriate amount of points will be deducted from your totals towards your award. You must be a paid, current member in good standing to earn an award.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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