



TNPPA Degree Programs

Tennessee Professional
Photographers Association

Recognizing Service to the
Association and the Profession

This record belongs to:

Personal Point Register

(Merit Book)



Tennessee Professional Photographers Association Degree Program

Exceptional ability and service to professional photography and to this association shall be recognized by the awarding of degrees to individual members of this association.

Tennessee Certified Degree

A total of 30 merits must be earned by a TNPPA member. Of these 30 merits, a minimum of 16 must be print competition class A merits (not including Artisan/Master Artist merits as of 08/2019). The remaining can be print or achievement merits.

Tennessee Service Degree

A total of 30 achievement merits must be earned by a TNPPA member. Of the 30 merits, a minimum of 16 must be class A achievement merits. The remaining merits may be class A or class B achievement merits. Print merits may not be used for this degree.

Tennessee Artisan Degree

A total of 30 merits must be earned by a TNPPA member. Of these 30 merits, a minimum of 16 must be artisan print competition class A merits (not including Photographic Case merits earned). The remaining may be any A or B merit earned not used for another degree or bar.

Gold Bars

After a member has received a degree, they may put each 25 additional merits earned towards a gold bar.

Degrees and Gold Bars will be issued at the annual awards banquet. You are responsible for submitting a request and any proof required of merits earned to the Certification Chair Person at least two months prior to the awards banquet. All merits must have also been earned by submission time.

Merit records are also your responsibility. Please have your chair person or officer sign off on any merits earned as soon as possible.

Record Keeping Instructions

- 1. Put your name on your merit book.**
- 2. You are responsible for keeping your own records. The officers are happy to help you, but it's your responsibility to record your merits and get your committee chair or officer to sign off on your merits.**

- 3. Record book functions much like a check book, the last box of each line is for committee chair and board members to sign off.**
- 4. We recommend that you keep a duplicate of your merit book. Scan it, photograph it, and copy it. Whatever works for you in case your merit book shall ever become lost.**
- 5. Make you entries at the time you earn your points so you get your merits.**
- 6. All merits earned must be signed off by committee head or board member.**
- 7. A copy of your merit book must be submitted with your degree or bar request to the Certification committee head.**

Merits will only be issued if proper procedures are followed.

Any member found guilty of an infraction of the code of conduct or illegally entering a print in print competition will forfeit 5 merits after a hearing held by the current board.

When you are ready to earn your degree or bar, formally submit your request to the Certification Chair at least 2 months prior to the annual awards ceremony. Any degree earned after that will be awarded the following year.

The Board of Directors and Certification Chair Person will make any decisions on any conditions not mentioned unless over turned with a membership vote of 2/3 majority.

Print Competition Merits: Class A

(Any merits earned from the Photographic Case starting 08/2019)

Image scoring 76 to 79 - ½ merit

Image scoring 80 or above - 1 merit

First Place Award - 2 merits

Distinguished Award - 1 merit

Best of Show Award - 2 merits

Dick Dickerson Award (most improved) - 1 merit

Stan Baker Award (First timer) - 1 merit

W. W. Carrier Award (Photographer of the Year) - 2 merit

Presidential Award (highest scoring image) - 2 merits

Joe Bass Award (highest illustrative) - 1 merit

People's Choice Award - 1 merit

ASP Award - 2 merits

CPP Award – 1 merit

Judge's Choice Award - 1 merit

Print Competition Merits: Class B

Folio/Collage Competition-Best of Show- 2 merits

Folio/Collage Competition-First Place- 1 merit

Folio/Collage Competition-76 - 79- ½ merit

Folio/Collage Competition-80 or above score – 1 merit

**New merits are not retroactive and
begin Spring Workshop 2019**

Achievement Merits: Class A

- TNPPA President – 6 merits**
- TNPPA Pres-Elect/Vice President - 4 Merits**
- TNPPA Secretary - 4 Merits**
- TNPPA Treasurer - 4 Merits**
- TNPPA Board Member (each year) - 3 merits**
- TNPPA Speaker (Convention/Seminar) - 3 merits**
- TNPPA Judge - 3 merits**
- TNPPA Committee Chairperson - 2 merits**
- TNPPA Active Committee Member (as approved by chairman) - 2 merits**
- TNPPA Councilman to PPA - 3merits**
- TNPPA newsletter Editor - 3 merits**
- Contributing Editor to newsletter - 2 merits**
- Photographic (How To/Technical) Article for Ground Glass - 1 merit (per article)**
- Mama Moss Award - 1 merit**
- National Award - 4 merits**
- Affiliate Program Coordinator - 3 merits**

Certification Chairperson - 3 merits

Achievement Merits – Class B

- Attending Spring Workshop - 1 merit**
- Attending Fall Convention - 2 merits**
- Local Affiliate President - 3 merits**
- Local Affiliate Officer - 1 merit**
- Speaker/Judge at Affiliate Meeting - 1 merit**
- Out-of-State Platform Speaker - 2 merits**
- Out-of-State Judge - 2 merits**
- Illustrated Article in National/Regional photographic publication - 2 merits**
- Non-Illustrated Article in National/Regional photographic publication - 1 merit**
- Serving on a committee - 1 merit**
- Hospitality Food Donation - ½ merit**
- Serving 2+ hours at the Imaging booth - 1 merit**

Artisan Print Competition Merits: Class A

**(Any merits earned from the Artisan Case starting
08/2019)**

Image scoring 76 to 79 - ½ merit

Image scoring 80 or above - 1 merit

First Place Award - 2 merits

Distinguished Award - 1 merit

Best of Show Award - 2 merits

Dick Dickerson Award (most improved) - 1 merit

Stan Baker Award (First timer) - 1 merit

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CPP Award – 1 merit

Judge's Choice Award - 1 merit

Artisan Print Competition Merits:

Class B

**Any awards or points earned in the creative
category/ Starting 2020**

Folio/Collage Competition-Best of Show- 2 merits

Folio/Collage Competition-First Place- 1 merit

Folio/Collage Competition-76 - 79- ½ merit

Folio/Collage Competition-80 or above score – 1 merit

**Artisan merits are not retroactive. Only merits earned at
the fall convention 2019 and later are eligible. Only points
earned with the Artisan Case entries are eligible.**

