

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM)

Entry Requirements

The first stage of the PAGB APM is the CPAGB; to apply for this a member must have been with the club for 2 or more years. For the DPAGB it is 3 years.

For CPAGB 10 images are needed, for DPAGB it is 15 images.

Applications can be made to enter print or PDI's, whichever the applicant wishes although spaces will be limited.

Application Process

To start the process the applicant will need to get the KCPA form signed by the club representative, usually the club chair or secretary.

Once it has been filled in and signed the form needs to be sent off to Alan Cork the new KCPA Awards officer. He in turn will check the information and send the applicant a PAGB form to fill in and send off to the PAGB Distinctions officer Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB, along with a cheque for the assessment fee.

Once this has been done the applicant will be advised of the next available date on which for them to go for their distinctions. The PAGB try to ensure that each application goes from receipt to assessment within a year.

Applicants accepted for a given adjudication will receive an entry pack by email, including an account/password for the on-line **entries system** to declare titles and provide image files. Applicants must respond promptly to all communications.

Assessment and Awards

Usually assessments take place during April and November.

Location depends on which federations turn it to host the event.

Assessment days for the 2019 Awards for Photographic Merit include:

27/28 April (Sat/Sun) Hosted by NWPA (North Wales)

23/24 November (Sat/Sun) Hosted by CACC

As a guide to what the PAGB are looking for they publish the following guidelines:

Credit (CPAGB) – Blue badge & certificate. Standard: Good Club Photography

Distinction (DPAGB) – Red badge & certificate. Standard: Open Exhibition Photography

Master (MPAGB) – Yellow badge & certificate Standard: Highest Standard of UK Amateur Photography

The awards are held for life without any annual fee and holders are entitled to use the designated letters after their name.

Scoring

At the assessment 6 adjudicators score each image out of 5, so there is a maximum score of 30 per image, with 5 being the highest awarded.

The applicant needs to get a total of 200 or more to obtain the CPAGB certificate. However, this does not mean that all of their 10 images must score over 20.

In the case of PAGB assessments it could be that 1 image scores 17 and the next scores 23 thus still both having an average score of the 20 points needed.

Important Documents and Links

entries system: <https://pagbhost.co.uk/apms/>

KCPA PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Application Form

PAGB General description, conditions of entry with notes for guidance of applicants

PAGB Notes for guidance for entering PDI and Prints

These documents can also be accessed in the members only area of the Club website:

<http://www.reflexphoto.co.uk/news/pagb-awards-for-photographic-merit/>

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