

Applications for FIAP Distinctions, for the 2012 Submission

1. Introduction

1.1 This document is intended as an information document for those who are interested in applying for any of the seven FIAP Distinctions for photographic merit, namely:-

- i) AFIAP (Artist FIAP)
- ii) EFIAP (Excellence FIAP)
- iii) EFIAP/b (EFIAP Bronze)
- iv) EFIAP/s (EFIAP Silver)
- v) EFIAP/g (EFIAP Gold)
- vi) EFIAP/p (EFIAP Platinum)
- vii) MFIAP (Master FIAP)

It sets out to advise prospective applicants on how to go about the process of making an application and provides information on how to obtain an “Applications Package” for the specific award that you wish to apply for. It also sets out the timetable and a general outline of the processes involved.

1.2 Apart from MFIAP the general process and timetable is the same for all awards. For MFIAP there are separate instructions (see paragraph 4 below).

1.3 It does not advise on preparing your records or the relevant criteria, for that information you should download the available documents on the revised FIAP pages of the PAGB web site at:-

http://www.pagb-photography-uk.co.uk/fiap_2.htm

You should read these documents first as they contain all the information that you will need to decide whether you have met the required criteria, and to help you organise your records prior to making an application. Experienced exhibitors should not ignore the “*Starting out on the Exhibition Trail*” article; it does contain some information that you may find valuable.

1.4 Neither does this document give you the guidelines for submitting an application. This information, which varies from award to award, is contained in the relevant “*Applications Package*”.

1.5 I would ask you to conform, without exception, to the time table set out below, as in August and September I shall be heavily committed to the Northern Counties International Salon, the closing date of which is the 20th August, and I am receiving the PDI entries.

2. AFIAP / EFIAP / EFIAP Levels – Time Table

2.1 For all awards except MFIAP it is intended, as FIAP specify, that there will only be one submission of applications in 2012. This may be taking a risk, bearing in mind that there were some 120 applications in 2011, when up to 2009 the average was around 35 a year. However that is a risk I am prepared to take. If it creates a problem we will look at the process again in 2013. There will be no ‘pecking order’ or queue; it is intended that all applications received in time will be processed.

2.2 Prospective applicants, who have achieved the criteria, should contact me by EMAIL at :-

davecoates&btinternet.com (remember to replace the & with a @) any time

from :-

Monday 21st August 2011.

On receipt of your email request, which should include your full name and address details including post code, and telephone number, as well as the application you intend applying for, I will forward you the appropriate “Applications Package” by email as soon as is practicable.

2.3 This will give members ample time to get their applications sorted into acceptable order. Once you have received the package PLEASE DO NOT contact me with queries or completed Dossier files until:-

Saturday 1st October 2011

NO dossier files or enquiries, other than requests for “Applications Packages”, will be responded to before this date. There will be plenty of time to deal with everything from October onwards.

2.4 The closing date for fully completed applications to reach me is:-

Sunday 31st March 2012.

With this deadline, there will be plenty of time to sort out your application, and also anyone who is looking to follow on from an award gained in 2011 can rest assured that there will be the necessary 12 months gap between applications.

3. AFIAP / EFIAP / EFIAP Levels - Applications Packages

3.1 Since I took over from my predecessor, FIAP have required that PAGB now comply fully with their submission requirements, I have therefore prepared two new and separate “Applications Packages” one each for :-

- i) AFIAP/EFIAP Applicants and
- ii) EFIAP Levels Applicants

These packages contain all the information for completion of an application, including for a FIAP Photographers’ Cards where necessary. Please do not assume that if, because you set out applications in a different way in the past, that this will be allowed this time. It will not.

3.2 You should read the documents in the package carefully and prepare your application in line with the guidance given. If at this stage you do have queries, please contact me by email (*but not before 01/10/2011*) and I will try to resolve them. Please note that due to the workload involved, if the answer is in the package documents, then any reply will simply direct you back to the package.

3.3 Each “Applications Package” contains a FIAP Dossier File. These are multi-page Excel Files, and it is now required that you use this document to prepare that part of your submission. It may not be hand written, nor may you attach ad hoc printouts from other software sources. You have to type into the Excel file itself. We are aware that this may cause difficulties for some of you and the detailed guidance provided has been designed to cover as many of the problems as can be envisaged.

3.4 To ensure a smooth process please complete the FIAP Dossier as early as practicable. You should then forward a copy of the FIAP Dossier File to me by email for checking. At this stage it must in itself be complete (not partially so in the hope that you will meet the criteria in time). Once we have got this correct you can put the full application together for submission.

4. MFIAP Applications

4.1 Because the criteria, the method of assessment as well as the timetable for this award are totally different from all the other awards, the instructions differ from those for the other awards.

4.2 Applicants must hold at least EFIAP. They are required to produce a Portfolio of 20 prints that is essentially a project in itself. The requirements for this are somewhat arcane and therefore the “Applications Package” for MFIAP is designed to assist you from the start of the process.

4.3 Anyone who feels that they might be interested in preparing work for an MFIAP Distinction should therefore contact me at the earliest stage, even before starting on your entry. Contact me by email, with your full name, address including Post Code and telephone number, and I will forward you an “Applications Package”.

4.4 PLEASE NOTE:- Due to the nature of an MFIAP application I cannot advise you on the content or quality of the photographic part of your application. That is entirely down to you.

4.5 I would appreciate confirmation of whether you are going ahead with an application well in advance of its submission and I will try to assist wherever possible with preparation of the administrative side of your application. Simply contact me by email with any queries during the process.

4.6 You should aim to have your application completed and with me no later than:-

Tuesday 31st January 2012

4.7 Your application will then be held by me until such time as I am advised by FIAP to submit them. They are usually assessed at the spring meeting of the FIAP Directory Board.



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