



Professional Photographers' Association of  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
*Cultivating the art, science and business of photography*

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Here are the requirements for the state degree and service awards:

### **PA Degree Award:**

**Requires 16 state merits through print and album competitions**

- Each blue-ribbon print, album or digital image at our annual Print Competition receives 1 merit or any other print competition that the Board of Governors deems worthy of merits.
- An additional merit is awarded for each trophy won at the annual Print Competition.

After you receive 16 competition merits, you will receive the gold Degree Award medallion at the next convention.

**For every 16 additional merits in competition after receiving the medallion, you receive a gold bar.**

### **PA Service Award:**

**Requires 16 state merits through service on committees and continued membership.**

- You will receive service merits for serving on various committees (eg. print committee, registration, party, membership, fundraising, etc).
- You will receive Service Merits for serving on the Board of Governors or hold an executive office.
- Service merits are awarded as either full points or fractions of points depending upon the decision of the committee chairman as to how much you contributed to the committee work.
- You also are entitled to a .5 point for each year you are a member in good standing.

In order to receive credit for any service merits (even membership merits) you must complete and return the application for service merits form that comes out in October.

After receiving 16 service merits, you will receive the silver Service Award medallion at the next awards banquet.

**For each additional 16 service merits after receiving the initial medallion you receive a gold bar.**