THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Photojournalism Division

Diamond Award 1-10

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ELIGIBILITY- To apply for the Diamond Awards an applicant must have a Galaxy 10 rating in the Photojournalism Division of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and be a member in good standing of PSA. For proof of membership, send a copy of your membership card with your application. Acceptances earned after 1999 and the last star awarded, must be earned during membership in PSA as indicated by the date on the membership card.

FEE-The fee is **$8** for each North American and for each overseas award, which will be sent by airmail. Make check or money order payable to Photographic Society of America (PSA). You may pay with cash , a credit card and PayPal may also be used. **If you wish to use PayPal, contact the Star Rating Director before making payment**. If publication proofs are to be returned you must send money to cover shipping costs. They will not be returned without funds to pay mailing costs. The fee includes a certificate.

REQUIREMENTS-

For the Diamond Awards 1 through 5 **50 new titles with 6 acceptances each.**

For the Diamond Awards 6 through 10 **75 new titles with 6 acceptances each.**

The pictures may be a print, a slide, or electronic entry and published pictures. Each image must have been exposed by the applicant, **and must be identified by title.**

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLISHED PICTURES-Up to 40% of the above totals may be from published photographs in a traditionally printed (hard copy) publication with distribution of at least 2,500 copies. **Photographs appearing in catalogs or other publications distributed by electronic media are not eligible.** Photographs printed in catalogs from PSA recognized exhibitions **prior to Jan. 1, 2009** are eligible. If a catalog does not have a PJ section, the Applicant must submit a photocopy of the entire page and the front cover. Also eligible are all photos published in the PSA Journal (a copy of the front cover and photos must be enclosed). All daily newspapers and nationally circulated publications are eligible. Other publications must have a minimum circulation of 2,500 and these may include house organs if they are provided to 2,500 or more employees. The applicant must ascertain circulation and attest to circulation in the following manner.

I attest that each publication here listed has a circulation of 2,500 or more._____ signature

Published pictures must be fully documented with name of the maker; dated copies of publication, dated photocopies, or dated tear sheets must be furnished. Pictures must be clearly reproduced. The same picture may be claimed more than once only when published under different circumstances. Repeated publication in the same publication or several editions of the same book or pamphlet does not constitute multiple credits. Also eligible are all photos published in the PSA Journal (a copy of the front page and photos must be enclosed). These published pictures must not have been used to obtain previous star ratings. No credit will be given for pictures published in any International Exhibition Catalog after Jan. 1, 2009, or Photo Story Competition.

JUDGING---Three (3) acceptance credits are given for judging slides and/or prints or electronic images. If more than one is judged, a total of 6 acceptances are earned. No more than 6 judging credits may be earned in an exhibition. Up to a maximum of 9 credits per application may be used in lieu of acceptances. Only one credit may be applied per title. All judging credits must have earned since the Galaxy 10 was awarded. Judging credit may be used only once, and all judging credits earned at the same Exhibition must be used on the same application.

HOW TO SET UP YOUR APPLICATION- Prepare one list in the following format:

List #1. Alphabetical Titles

Title:	Exhibition	Year	
1.	Construction Work	Holland	2003
	Iris	2003	
	NORGA	2003	
	NORGA	2003	
	NORGA	2003	
	NORGA	2003	
2. Fourth of July Parade	PSA	2003	

Continue to 50 for Diamonds 1 -5, and 75 for Diamonds 6 -10.

. Published pictures may not exceed 40% It is a good idea to send and extra one or two in case some do not check. If all are good the extra ones may be used on the next application.

The validated Galaxy 10 rating acceptance application and the alphabetized list of ALL titles beginning with the first star must accompany the first Diamond Awards application. Successive applications must have the list of **all titles** and the previous validated award application providing PSA membership is maintained..

MISCELLANEOUS-Name, address, date, and award applied for should be on every page. Use one side of the page only. **Send a copy of your PSA membership card** with your application.
Important---Titles submitted for a Diamond Award must conform to those listed in the catalogs. **In case of error, report cards will NOT be accepted..** If numbers are used in the title and are omitted in the catalog, they will not be credited unless the Exhibition Chairman makes a correction. As soon as you receive your catalog check your report card against the listing in the catalog. If they do not agree write the Exhibition Chairman for a correction, with a copy to the Star Ratings Director. **Report cards will no longer be used for proof of acceptances for Star Ratings.** Only catalog entries will be accepted.

Please leave space at the end of your application for the approval stamp, date, and signature of the director. Your cooperation in the careful preparation of your application is appreciated. If you have any questions about the instructions, please write, call or e-mail me.

Catalogs are kept for 10 years so if an acceptance is older than 10 years a copy of the catalog may be necessary to get credit.

Your approved application will be returned to you. **KEEP IT!** to be returned with the next application. Do not alter an approved application.