PSA Service Awards

PSA recognizes individuals and clubs for their **exceptional service** with PSA Service Awards. Many outstanding individuals and clubs volunteer their time and efforts to make the activities of the Society successful and/or to provide valuable photographic help and assistance to community endeavors. It is important that these volunteers are thanked for their efforts, and PSA members are encouraged to propose or endorse deserving individuals and clubs.

PSA Service Awards for Individuals

PSA Service Awards are presented to PSA members in recognition of outstanding service to the Society. These awards are not based on photographic performance, but are **given for exceptional service to the Society** via local, regional, national, or international efforts that advance the Society's mission or contribute to the accomplishments of the Society. A Service Award may be presented to a member who has initiated a new service, completed a special project, or for long-time service in many capacities.

The award given to PSA members for exceptional service is the **PSA Service Medal.** A Service Award may also be given to non-members of the society for outstanding service to PSA. This award is the **PSA Service Certificate**.

PSA Service Awards for Clubs

Club Service Awards are presented in recognition of **photography service efforts made by PSA-member clubs in communities worldwide**. The award recognizes clubs' participation in photographic projects of a civic nature such as town or area publicity, welfare and charity fund-raising, historical documentation, animal adoption, nature conservancy, community promotion, free holiday or event portraits, and education in the art and craft of photography.

Submitting a Proposal

Any PSA member may propose a PSA member or a PSA-member club for a PSA Service Award. The proposal also needs to be endorsed by two additional PSA members selected by the proposer. Club members, who are PSA members, may propose or endorse their own club. PSA Board Members may propose or endorse members or member clubs (but not their own club) for Service Awards. Active Board Members are not eligible to receive a Service Award. The PSA Service Award **Proposal as an interactive PDF** file is available to be completed and submitted to the Committee Chair via email. The PSA Service Award **Proposal as a Word document** may also be downloaded from the website, completed, scanned, and emailed to the Committee chair, or, if necessary, printed, completed, and mailed to the Committee Chair.

With respect to **individual proposals**: It is the responsibility of the Proposer to furnish the Committee with sufficient information regarding the candidate's contribution to PSA. State the case as clearly and concisely as possible. The Proposer's statement should be **limited to one page**. Each Endorser's statement should be **limited to one page.**

With respect to **club proposals**: the Proposer should be sure to include: **1]** the length of time (number of years) the club has participated in the activity, **2]** the number of members in the club, and **3]** the number of club members that are involved in the activity. Service that does not involve photography may be included in the proposal, but the importance of this service would be less than photographic services provided. For a Club Service Award the Proposer **may also include supporting documents** not to exceed three pages. Supporting documents might be, for example, newspaper publicity, documentation showing the involvement of the club, an event program, a *PSA Journal* article, or record photographs of club service events.

Service Award Committee & Process

The Service Awards Committee is composed of five PSA members who serve five year terms. The President appoints one member each year and the most senior member of the Committee is the Chair for the year before dropping off the committee. The Service Awards Committee reports to the Executive Vice President.

Unfavorable action by the Committee on any application for the Service Award will in no way bar the submission of a further application for that candidate provided that the new application contains new or further evidence not initially presented.

The conferring of a Service Award upon any candidate will in no way prevent that candidate from receiving a similar award or another service award for additional service rendered after the date of the initial award. However, once having received a Service Award, a person is not eligible for another Service Award until five years has elapsed.

Proposers and endorsers should **communicate and prepare statements with confidentiality**. A Service Award is intended to be a surprise to the honoree when it is presented. This tends to increase the meaningfulness of the award. Confidentiality also protects the candidate from awareness of a negative vote.

PSA Service Award proposals may be submitted anytime during the year, and awarded locally as appropriate, if favorably processed by the committee. However, if the person receiving the award will be attending the PSA Annual Conference, it is preferred that his or her Service Award be presented during the **Opening Meeting of the PSA Annual Conference**. In order to be presented at the PSA Annual Conference, completed proposals need to be submitted to the Service Awards Committee Chair **no later than August 1** of the year they are to be presented at the conference. Club service awards are expected to be made at the PSA Annual Conference with a representative of the club present to receive it.

Where to send the proposal

The address for sending completed proposals via postal mail is: Photographic Society of America, Attention: Chairman, Service Awards Committee, 3000 United Founders Boulevard, Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. Email proposals should be sent: hq@psa-photo.org

PSA Service Award Proposal Form

This application form is available on the PSA website as ***an interactive PDF file,*** *to be completed and submitted to the Committee Chair by email. This is the preferred submission method.*

The following individual or club is being proposed for consideration for a PSA Service Award.

Individual or Club Nominee Name: _____

Club Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Proposer: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

First Endorser: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Second Endorser: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

If the award cannot be received at the annual PSA Conference, the proposer suggests an appropriate event for presentation would be: _____

City/State/Nation _____ on or about the following date: _____

This form should be accompanied by discussions in support of the award from the proposer and each of the endorsers no greater than one page.

I certify that all of the information furnished with this proposal is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Proposer Signature: _____ Date _____

Proposer's Statement

Name:

Candidate's Name:

Proposer's Signature _____

Date _____

Endorser #1's Statement

Name:

Candidate's Name:

Endorser #1's Signature _____

Date _____

Endorser #2's Statement

Name:

Candidate's Name:

Endorser #2's Signature _____

Date _____

For Committee/Headquarters Use:

Nominee: _____

Year joined PSA _____
Year received APSA _____
Year received FPSA _____

Year received other award _____ Award: _____
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Year received other award _____ Award: _____

Is a non-member _____

Proposer: _____
Year joined PSA _____

First Endorser: _____
Year joined PSA _____

Second Endorser: _____
Year joined PSA _____