



HONOURS - MPSSA

The MPSSA, is the highest award which may be applied for by a member of PSSA. Application may be made in any photographic medium and subject matter is open. Applicants may apply for more than one MPSSA.

In order to apply for a MPSSA a member must hold a FPSSA and must have fulfilled at least one of the following

- EPSSA
- or
- Twice Overall Impala Trophy Winner
- or
- Three times Winner of the same Section of the Impala Trophy

Application may only be made in the category in which the requirements have been met.

Notwithstanding the above requirements, the applicant must submit a Request for Application to the Honours Committee who will decide whether the applicant can proceed with the formal process of application.

The Request for Application should include the following:

- A photographic CV
- Samples of the applicants current work
- The structure of the planned lecture

The above information can be used in the further application, should the Request for Application be approved.

The MPSSA application shall consist of the following:

1. Photographic CV showing service to photography and PSSA.
2. An educational, illustrated lecture structured in such a way as to prove intent and that the applicant is indeed a Master. The illustrated lecture is to be donated to PSSA for educational purposes.
3. A panel of between 15 and 25 mounted top quality exhibition prints (these can be of images used in the lecture) will be exhibited at the venue where the lecture is given.

NOTES

1. The photographic CV, will be used to introduce the applicant when presenting the lecture, it is therefore not necessary for the applicant to include any CV details in his/her lecture. An important aspect of this award is service to photography and to PSSA and full details should be listed. In addition, photographic achievements and other related items should also be listed.

2. As this is PSSA's highest award it is obvious that the quality of the educational, illustrated lecture must be of the very highest standard.

3. No image, or similar image, used in any other successful honours application, with the exception of the EPSSA, may be used in this application. It is also required that the images



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shown are current work and not drawn from the archives. Exceptions in both cases may be made if the images are relevant to the lecture.

All the images are expected to be of the standard of salon award winners (certificates, ribbons, medals).

4. The lecture should be 45 minutes in length and must be of the highest standard and should be structured in such a way as to be educational. It is not sufficient to just show and describe a series of slides. The presentation must expand on the visuals so that an enlightened audience can learn more about the subject both from an artistic and, where necessary, technical point of view, or as in the case of AV show complete mastery and understanding of the medium.

The decision as to the number of images/sequences to be used is to be left to the discretion of the applicant. The final number of images should be determined by the structure of the lecture and by the information to be imparted.

5. The lecture will be followed by 15 minutes of question time during which time the applicant must be prepared to answer all questions relating to the lecture.

ASSESSMENT - On receipt of the application moderators will be appointed by the Honours Committee, as in University Masters/Doctorate Degree applications, in order to assist the applicant to attain the required standard, both in image quality and dissertation/lecture.

After approval by the moderators the Honours Committee will schedule a private judging session and the moderators will form a part of the judging panel. The judges will assess the application as per the criteria laid down in this document and will use the prescribed evaluation criteria.

The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The application will either pass or fail, no credits will be awarded. In the event of the failure of the application, a further application may not be made, in the same or similar field, for a period of two years.

If the application is successful arrangements will be made for a public lecture.

Evaluation Criteria – the application will be scored out of 100

The presentation must be clearly constructed and the content and presentation thereof must fully support the defined intent and maintain a high level of interest on the part of the viewer.

Visual Presentation /50

Are the images of sufficiently high standard and is the work consistent throughout? The images should complement the oral presentation and it should be visually balanced and sequenced.

Oral Presentation /10

Clearly spoken; confident; logically presented, well planned and structured. The applicant is expected to fully understand his/her subject and should not merely read from notes.



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Knowledge of Subject /10

Confident with subject; ability to answer questions. The presentation should show evidence of personal understanding & appreciation of the subject.

Original Thought /10

Evidence of original thought; use of examples. A personal style should be clearly communicated to the viewer at both informative and emotional levels.

Learning Educational Experience /10

Aimed and suited to the Audience. The presentation should offer insight and understanding.

General Impression /10

Interesting and stimulating. Presentation & content - do the images augment each other? Does it show the photographer's ability to convey impact, mood, emotion etc. to avoid uninteresting or repetitive images? The applicant is expected to successfully communicate information, message and feeling.

A minimum score of 70% is required for the passing of the application.

The Award will be ratified as soon as possible after the presentation and will be presented at the Honours Banquet at Congress. The successful applicant will be entitled to append "MPSSA" to his/her name as long as he/she remains a full member in good standing of the Society.

Please note that you, the applicant, are liable for all expenses related to this application and the presentation thereof.