

The ASP Educational Associate's Degree

The Educational Associate Degree program was established by ASP to recognize those photographers who advance the cause of professional imaging through teaching and public speaking.

The requirements to receive the ASP Educational Associate's Degree are:

- Acceptance of a thesis paper.
- Thirty (30) PPA speaking/teaching merits.

It is no longer required to provide ASP with PPA Merit Certificates. A merit report from PPA indicating the merits received is acceptable.

The thesis paper must be at least seven (7) pages long (double-spaced, not including bibliography or illustrations) and no more than twenty (20) pages long (double-spaced, not including bibliography or illustrations).

The paper will be judged by a panel of five judges, made up of four ASP Educational Associate Degree holders and one high school or college English professor. The paper will be judged as follows: 80 points possible for content; 10 points possible for style; 10 points possible for form and grammar. The paper must have a cumulative average score of 85 points or more to be accepted by that judge. It will take three of the five judges to accept the submission for the applicant to be approved.

Judging of style is based upon the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (6th edition) by Joseph Gibaldi. (www.mla.org). Please refer to this book for guidelines on the correct style of the paper. A guideline for the bibliographic formatting of references is available on the ASP website.

The thesis statement should be a concept or idea that the writer has strong beliefs in and can document those beliefs with other resources. Examples of thesis statements include:

"Family portraiture must change as society changes."

"A child's portrait is a milestone in that child's life."

"Micro marketing is as effective as macro marketing."