

# Procedure For Obtaining S4C Honors Associate - Fellowship - Distinguished Fellowship

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## INTRODUCTION

The Southern California Council of Camera Clubs (S4C) bestows honors on individuals who qualify through active participation in a wide variety of photographic and S4C-related activities. The purpose of the honors is to encourage and acknowledge service to S4C and its member clubs. Honors are awarded on the basis of points an applicant has earned in accordance with the point system set out below. Honors are awarded yearly at the S4C Banquet in June.

S4C Honors are administered and approved by the S4C Honors Committee appointed by the S4C Board. The Honors Committee consists of the Honors Chair, the S4C President, and three S4C Board Members with a minimum of an AS4C and not currently applying for an Honor. Club diversity is encouraged. These guidelines, including the Points Allowed, are subject to amendment by the S4C Board of Directors. Decisions made by the Honors Committee are final.

1. The Honors Application form must be submitted to the Honors Committee Chair no later than **April 1** each year. Applications should be submitted earlier, if possible. This must contain an itemized listing of **all** qualifying activities, giving the exact dates for each with the appropriate points.
2. All qualifying activities in a given category must be listed together, under the category letter (A through X) and category heading.
3. The Honors Committee Chair is available to assist with the application process and should be contacted no later than March 15.

***Note:** There is a maximum total number of points that can be obtained in each category for all honors. However, all activities should be listed as some can qualify for extensive credits for DFS4C (U through X). See Page 2 of Application (Checklist).*

4. The application, whether initiated by the applicant or a proposer, must have the name, title, and email of at least one officer of the club, where the applicant is a member, who will vouch for the club activities claimed in categories A through D, Q and W.
5. Honors are granted on the basis of total accumulated points, using the following schedule:
  - a. Associate (AS4C) ..... 50
  - b. Fellowship (FS4C)..... 100
  - c. Distinguished Fellowship(DFS4C)..... 150
6. For those applying for FS4C and DFS4C, all points approved for the previous honor(s) shall be carried over without modification. All new activities shall be valued using the current point system, no matter when the activity took place.

7. Applicants for FS4C and DFS4C may include in their application all those activities listed in their earlier application(s). All previous applications are on file and can be provided.
8. Applicants must have been an active member of an S4C club for at least three S4C competition years (full or partial) before they are eligible to be an Associate. A Fellowship may be awarded only to a person who has been an Associate for at least one year, and a Distinguished Fellowship may be awarded only to a person who has had a Fellowship for at least one year.
9. An applicant must have been a member of an S4C member club at the time of the activity for which the points are claimed except for obtaining exhibition acceptances under categories (O), and (X).
10. A maximum of 10 points total for all honors may be claimed under each category, with the following exceptions: 15 points for (E), (I), (L), (M), and (T); 20 for (A) and (F); 25 for (G); 35 for (H) and (Q); and 50 for (S).
11. The points listed under #12 in categories (A) through (T) are available for all applicants. The points in #12 in categories (U) through (X) are available only for DFS4C applicants.

## POINTS ALLOWED

12. Points toward AS4C, FS4C, and DFS4C are allowed as follows:

- A. **Club Service Position** – Holding a yearlong position such as an officer, chairperson, S4C Interclub Coordinator, Director, Webmaster, etc. Co-chairs to receive half credit. Describe. 5 points per year.

Maximum 20.....5

- B. **Club Special Event Coordinator** – Coordinating a onetime major photographic event for one's own club such as a field trip, workshop, or at least an hour's long presentation, such as a Travelogue, Photoshop techniques, etc. Describe. 2 points per event.

Maximum 10.....2

- C. **Club Representative** - Attending any S4C organized meeting, virtual or videoconference, such as the Brown Bag Lunch, as their club's representative. Cannot be a Board member. Limited to one club member per meeting. List date. 1 point per meeting. Or serving as their club's S4C contact for a full year....1 point.

Maximum 10.....1

- D. **Top Score in Club** - Being top point scorer in a member club in a Division, Section, and/or Skill Level for one year. A maximum of 5 points may be claimed during any year.

Maximum 10.....5

E. **Top Score in an S4C Individual Competition** - Being the top point scorer in one of the skill levels (E, A, AA, or AAA) of an S4C Division/Section for a competition year. A second 5 points may be claimed in a year **IF** the top score is in a second Division (Pictorial, Nature, Photo Travel, or Photojournalism).

Maximum 15.....5

F. **S4C Competition Awards** - Receiving an Award or Honorable Mention in any S4C monthly (club or individual) competition. **Note:** *Points claimed will be validated against the S4C database.*

Award.....2  
Honorable Mention ..... 1

Maximum 20

G. **S4C Director** - Being on the S4C Board of Directors for one full year. List year

Maximum 25.....5

H. **S4C Officer or Chair** - For each full S4C year of service:

- i Monthly Competition Chair.....10
- ii. Officer, Division Chair, Webmaster, Council Challenge Coordinator, Judge Selection and Training, or End of Year judging club coordinator ..... 5
- iii. Banquet Chair ..... 3
- iv. Other Chairs (exact points to be determined by Honors Committee).....1-5

**Note:** *When there are co-chairs, each receives one-half credit.*

Maximum 35

I. **Image or Print of the Year** - Receiving the Gold/First place end of year award in either S4C or member club in any Division, Section, and/or Skill Level. Maximum of two awards per year, each receives 3 points.....3  
**S4C Best of Show** in any Division receives 5 points.....5

Maximum 15

J. **Judging an S4C Club** - Judging a club competition at a club not their own. May be regular or year-end judging.

Maximum 10..... 2

K. **Judging, Presenting or Service outside S4C** (while a member of an S4C club) Judging, Program Presentation, or Special Service that directly promotes S4C and or photography to a group that is not a member of S4C. Describe.

Maximum 10.....2

L. **Judging at S4C** - Judging all sections of a monthly S4C competition,

- i. Either on site or remote. .... 3
- ii. Replacing a Division Chairperson, per section, .....0.5

Maximum 15

M. **Judging a PSA-recognized International Exhibition** - List exhibition, year, and Division(s) and or Section(s).

Maximum 15..... 3

N. **Presentation to an S4C club** - Presenting a full program to a club not one's own. Describe the program, giving date, length, format and subject.

Maximum 10..... 2

O. **Exhibition Acceptances** - Any image or print accepted in a PSA-recognized International Exhibition of Photography. List title, exhibition, year, and Division.

Maximum 10.....0.2

P. **Judging for PSA** - Judging a PSA Individual or Interclub competition, regardless of where the judging takes place. Describe.

Maximum 10..... 2

Q. **Working on the S4C International Exhibition** - or any other PSA- recognized exhibition that is run by a S4C member club, such as Coachella.

- i. General Chair, Image Preview, Division Chair, or Digital Systems Support..... 10
- ii. Special assistance to a chair. Describe duties .....2-5
- iii. Exhibition workers ..... 2

**Note:** *When there are co-chairs, each may receive half the allowed points.*

Maximum 35

R. **Assistance to S4C**

- i. Worker, not an officer or member of the S4C Board, assisting at any S4C meeting..... 1
- ii. Providing an image for S4C's entry in the PSA Council Challenge.....1

Maximum 10

S. **Special Services** - Special service to S4C or unusual service of long standing. The service must be documented in detail. Points below for computer support. This award and the associated points must be voted by the Honors Committee.

- i. Development/enhancement/maintenance of competition software.....10
- ii. Operation of monthly and year-end competitions.....10
- iii. Operation and management of mailing system.....5
- iv. Development of year-end Banquet presentations.....5

Maximum 50 Up to 10 per year.

**T. Service to PSA –**

- i. For each one year term as an PSA Officer, PSA Division Chairperson, Star Ratings Director, Chapter Chairperson, etc.....2
- ii. PSA Divisional Competition Director, Committee Member, Division or Chapter Officer, etc.....1
- iii. Special assistance to Chapter meeting. Describe.....0.5

***Note:** Additional PSA activities must be clearly described and will be considered and voted on by the Honors Committee.*

Maximum 15

**The following at 10 points each are available to applicants for DFS4C only:**

U. **Extensive Judging Service** - For each judging meeting the criteria of category (J), (K), (L), (M), or (P), in addition to the activities already claimed .....0.2

V. **Extensive Presentation Service** - For each full program presentation meeting the criteria of category (K) or (N). ..... 0.2

W. **Extensive General Service** - For each one year term meeting the criteria in sections (A), (B), (G), (H), and (Q), in addition to the activities already claimed.....1

X. **PSA Star Ratings** - For each Star in any PSA division up to a maximum of five (5) stars in any one Star ratings track. .... 1