



Nevada Camera Club Merit Awards System

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Purpose

The Nevada Camera Club (NCC Merit Awards System) is designed to encourage and reward members for photographic growth and experience, club participation, service to the club and activities related to photography involving non-NCC entities.

Certain NCC activity merit points are designated as counting towards the Photographer of the Year designation while others do not. NCC activities carry more weight than non-NCC activities. At least 75% of the merit points earned by a member in any one calendar year must be generated by NCC activities and only 25% may come from qualifying non-NCC pursuits as described in Section C. 2a and 2b and in Section D. Merit points earned in one calendar year may not be carried over into the next calendar year.

Instructions for Claiming Merit Points

To report merit points earned outside of NCC activities and competitions, you may use the Merit Points Reporting Form which is available from the Nevada Camera Club web site Publications page. See <http://nevadacc.org/publications.html>. You may also use plain paper or email but must include all the information requested on the Merit Points Reporting Form.

Information required consists of the applicable section and paragraph, the number of merits earned, a brief description of the activity, date of the activity and, where specified, a copy of proof.

Example

- D.1. 10 merit points PSA Membership October 2025
- C.2.b. 8 merit points 1st place in *Nevada Magazine's* Photo contest May 2025

Submit the form to the Merit Awards Chairperson.

Any merit points earned in one month must be turned in by the end of the next month: e.g., merit points earned in May must be turned in by the end of June.

A. Attendance

NCC Monthly Meetings/Special Meetings	5 points
NCC Scheduled Field Trips (each day), Club Shoots (each shoot)	5 points
An overnight/out of town	10 points
Bring a new member	5 points
Bring a new guest	1 point

B. Club Service

1. Serving as Elected Officer or Trustee:

President	100 points	each 6 months
Vice President	60 points	each 6 months
Secretary	60 points	each 6 months
Treasurer	60 points	each 6 months
Trustee	20 points	each 6 months

2. Serving as Committee Chairpersons: **

Community liaison	50 points	each 6 months
Competitions	50 points	each 6 months
Membership	50 points	each 6 months
Merits	50 points	each 6 months
Programs	50 points	each 6 months
Publications	50 points	each 6 months
Website Administrator	50 points	each 6 months
House	50 points	each 6 months
Modules (Panels Coordinator)	25 points	each 6 months
Advertising	30 points	each 6 months
Club History	30 points	each 6 months
Field Trips	30 points	each 6 months
Public Relations	30 points	each 6 months
Specific Interest Groups	30 points	each 6 months
Each instructional period	5 points	
Education	30 points	each 6 months
PSA Liaison	20 points	each 6 months
Apparel	20 points	each 6 months
Past Presidents Advisory Council Representative	10 points	each 6 months
Long Term Special Committee chairperson*	10 points	each 6 months
Long Term Special Committee member*	20 points	Maximum each time
Short Term Special Committee chairperson*	10 points	Maximum each time
Short Term Special Committee member*	10 points	Maximum each time
Assist committee when extra help is needed	5 points	Maximum each time
Presenting a program at NCC meeting	10 points	Maximum each time
Teaching photographic course one night for NCC	30 points	Maximum each time
	15 points	Maximum each time

* Subject to review and approval by the Executive Board

** Merit points will be prorated if the assigned position or duties are not adequately filled or accomplished.

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Notes: Merit points will also be awarded to elected officers and the committee people for any additional time spent outside of regular duties; e.g., acting as advisor or coordinator for outside agency activities or inception of other new competitions as approved by the Executive Board.

Any chairperson shall receive merit points based on activity as any other member in attendance of same activity.

C. Competitions

1 . NCC Competitions. For monthly competitions, merit points for each photograph are awarded on the judges' total score, not final placement.

- a. Monthly Competitions
 - Score of 27 10 POY points
 - Score of 26 9 POY points
 - Score of 25 8 POY points
 - Score of 24 7 POY points
 - Score of 23 6 POY points
 - Score of 22 5 POY points
 - Score of 21 4 POY points
 - Score of 20 3 POY points
 - Score of 19 2 POY points
 - Each image entered 1 merit point
- b. NCC Annual Open Electronic Competition and Annual Open Print Competition
 - Best of Show 12 POY points
 - Best of Category 10 POY points
 - 1st Place 8 POY points
 - 2nd place 6 POY points
 - 3rd place 4 POY points
 - Honorable mention 2 POY points
 - Each entry submitted 1 Merit points

The Executive Board may add additional competitions as well as authorize the co-sponsoring of competitions with other groups and in doing so, establish a structure for awarding appropriate Merit and/or POY points.

- c. NCC Juried Exhibition
 - For each acceptance 8 POY points
 - Each entry 1 Merit point

D. Merits for Outside and/or Extra

As noted in Paragraph 1 under Purpose, merit points earned in this section, together with any merit points earned in Section C. 2a and 2b, may not exceed 25% of a member's annual merit point total and any excess may not be carried forward to the following year. A copy of proof of activity must accompany the Merit Reporting Information Form.

1. Non-NCC sponsored Competitions and Contests. As noted in Paragraph 1 under Purpose, merits earned in this section, both 2.a. and 2.b plus any merits earned in Section D., may not exceed 25% of a member's annual merit point total and any excess will not be carried forward to the following year.

- a. Photographic Society of America Recognized Exhibitions and/or FIAP Patronage Exhibitions
 - Medal... 12
 - Honorable Mention..... 6
 - Acceptance..... 3
- b. Clark County Fair, Red Rock National Conservation Area, Nevada Magazine and any other competition or contest sponsored by a nationally recognized photographic entity subject to executive board approval.
 - Best of Show 12 points
 - Best of Category 10 points
 - First Place 8 points
 - Second Place 6 points
 - Third Place 4 points
 - Honorable Mention 2 points
- c. Selection of an image as a prize winner in a photographic contest sponsored by organizations other than those mentioned in 2a & 2b. This contest may be either print or electronic; per item..... 5

EXAMPLES: City of Las Vegas, Cashman Pro Photo Lab, City Lights Art Gallery, Share the View, [https:// sharetheview.contestvenue.com/](https://sharetheview.contestvenue.com/)

Member of PSA	10
Completion of accredited academic photography course(s)	25
Attending accredited all day seminar/workshop – each day with a maximum of 25	5
Having photos/articles published in publicly or privately sold or distributed books, newspapers, magazines, photographic journals, or online. NOTE: Images for which the photographer receives payment of as a part of a self-published print or electronic publication or website are not eligible for merit points	10/item
Attending PSA annual or regional convention or seminar	5
Solo photographic exhibition sponsored by local, state, or national public agency	25
Being a guest speaker or photographic judge at any other recognized club, community agency, or PSA affiliate.	15
Giving photo-related instruction class for outside agencies on a volunteer basis	25

Merit Awards

Pins and bars are awarded club members who reach a particular merit point level. The appropriate bars and plaques are also presented to the NCC President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Photographer of the Year at the annual awards banquet as are the plaques for merit points. Merit awards are given as shown in the following table.

Merit Points	Designation on Bar	Additional Awards
200	200	-----
500	500	-----
1000	Master	Plaque
1500	Associate	Plaque
2500	Fellow	Plaque
4000	Horizon	Plaque & Lifetime Membership
10000	Diamond	Diamond Trophy
16000	Platinum	Platinum Trophy

NCC Photographer of the Year

Effective January 1, 2015, candidates for Photographer of the Year must have attended between January 1 and the November competition meeting of each year five (5 recognized NCC functions for which merit points for attendance are recorded. This includes general meetings, specific interest group meetings, and field trips. Social functions such as the annual awards celebration do not contribute to this requirement.

The NCC member with the highest total merit points earned in monthly and special competitions for the calendar year is the NCC Photographer of the Year (POY). The merit points for POY are listed in sections C.1.a, C.1.b, and C.1.c. A plaque is awarded to the NCC Photographer of the Year at the Nevada Camera Club Annual Awards Celebration.