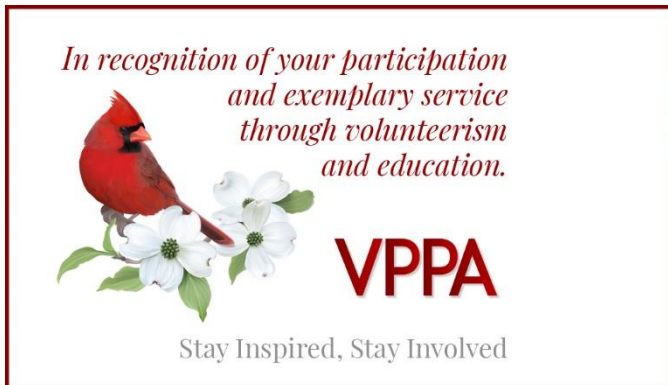


# THE VPPA CARDINAL PIN



The Cardinal Pin is a program to recognize VPPA members who are making the most of their VPPA memberships. The pin can be earned annually.

To earn a Cardinal Pin, you will need to acquire 12 Fellowship Units in one calendar year. If you are active in VPPA, you are probably already doing a ton of these activities, and we would like to recognize and celebrate your contribution.

Cardinal Pin Fellowship Units can be earned if you: (each line item is equal to 1 Fellowship Unit unless otherwise stated)

## Education

- Attend a full-day VPPA workshop
- Attend District VPPA Meetings (at least 4)
- Attend PhotoConnect-VA
- Attend PhotoFest-VA

## Competition

- Enter an VPPA Image Critique (August)
- Enter the VPPA Image Competition (November)

Images do not need to earn a certain score to receive a Fellowship Unit. One Fellowship Unit is earned for entering each competition, regardless of the number of individual images entered.

## Service

- Serve on a VPPA Committee
- Serve on the Board of Directors

- Serve as a District Officer
- Serve on a temporary action team
- Set up or clean up before/after an in-person event (PhotoConnect-VA, Awards Banquet, Workshop, ImageFest-VA)
- Serve as an instructor for a VPPA Program
- Assist with hosting or transportation for an out-of-town guest/speaker/judge
- Write an article for our newsletter or contribute to website or social media content (\*evaluated by the Chairman)
- Participate in the text messaging program (\*evaluated by the Chairman)

## Membership

Recruit 2 members who join VPPA (1 Fellowship Unit)

The above list is not exhaustive or all-inclusive. Other activities can qualify; check with the Executive Secretary if you have any questions.

You will need 12 Fellowship Units to earn the recognition. You can earn multiple units from the same category, but we hope you will participate in multiple activities which is how we grow, learn, and get the most out of our membership.

In early December, the Cardinal Pin Passport will be available to District Governors and on the VPPA website. Be sure to track your activities throughout the year, using the Passport. You will submit your name and the Fellowship Units you have earned; your Governor will do a verification and submit to the Board of Directors. Cardinal Pins will be distributed at our Annual Awards Banquet in February.

Remember, **VPPA is what you make it**—so make it great while you earn your VPPA Cardinal Pin.

Note that the VPPA Cardinal Pin recognition is unrelated to our [Degree Program](#). The Degree Program generally requires a few years of work to achieve, whereas a Cardinal Pin can be earned by any member each year.

