



## Join **PPW**

When you join PPW, you set yourself apart as a professional, committed to integrity in business and growth in artistic excellence. You become part of a community of photographers who work together for the advancement of photography as a respected and honored profession.

Membership in Professional Photographers of Washington is **open to full and part-time photographers, photo students, educators, vendors, and aspiring photographers.**

**Throughout the year** - there are events, photo walks, social gatherings to connect and build quality relationships as well as our annual state-wide activities:

- ✓ Our annual spring multi-day event, **INNOVATE, is Washington's Photography Conference.**
- ✓ **Local gatherings** hosted by our District Representatives, two in each of our four state districts.
- ✓ **Both online and live in-person educational meetings** to help advance your photo journey.
- ✓ **Our Fall Education Super 1-Day is an in-person** event, with a focus on creative and business topics that move your business forward.



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### Our Mission:

*Foster and inspire a community of photographers through education and professional standards*



# Our History

Since it was incorporated in 1948, the Professional Photographers of Washington has been an association with its focus on member benefits and clearly defined responsibilities. With many opportunities for members who join to work together toward common objectives and goals.

In the seven decades of this organization, they have stood solid. PPW provided continuing professional education, skills enhancement and individual mentoring for personal growth. Many other organizations have come and gone – but PPW has had a firm foundation of commitment to a **standard of professional excellence** that is reflected in accolades, merits, awards and degrees.

### Our Member Degrees and Awards include:

- Associate Fellow of Photography (AFP)
- Fellow of Photography (FP)
- Elite Fellow of Photography (EFP)
- Distinguished Service Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Image Competition Honor Court



## Why Choose PPW?

As a PPW member, you're never alone. There are times when photography can feel like a solitary occupation. We have plenty of experts willing to share knowledge and help answer any photography questions. We believe working together as professionals, will make us stronger business owners, better friends, and better photographers.

Throughout the year, PPW invests back in our members, beginning with our **state-wide Image Competition**, held a few weeks before our **Annual Conference**, with the opportunity for peer and industry **recognition, merits and awards**. We also offer our members various **scholarships** for professional education to advance their craft. Members are listed in an **Online Directory** that is available for potential clients to search when looking for photographers in their area.

Our quarterly magazine, **The Washington Photographer**, highlights the work of our members, features how-to articles, recaps of events, plus provides an outlet for those members looking to be published. Our **Speaker Circle** offers members training to develop their presentation and speaking skills.



### Inspiration

**Connect** with your peers to gain insight and technique that elevates your craft.



### Education

**Learn** from world-class educators from all over the nation to expand your knowledge.



### Community

**Grow** your circle as you connect and experience working together toward a common goal.



### Business Development

**Network** with business mentors that can point you to profitable business practices and grow professionally.