

FAAS Publication Award Guide

This guide contains the rules and category descriptions for the FAAS Publication Awards.

All publications issued by a society between January 1st and December 31st of one year can be nominated in the following year according to the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Nominations are made by societies of materials published in their newsletter that originated within their club membership. Reprinted materials from sources outside of the society are not allowed nor are articles that are reprinted from previous years.

Original is defined in these awards as meaning that the author of the work is the sole source of that work. This excludes all tracings, clipart, photocopies or other reproductions in any other form. This does not exclude properly cited sources as part of an article.

Rules

1. The nominations must be submitted according to the criteria established in these rules and as may be adopted by the Board of Directors and the committee. Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in disqualification.
2. The nominations must be submitted to the Chairman bearing a postmark of no later than February 28th or received electronically by February 28th.
3. The individual entries must be **separately** identified with the following information:
 - a. Name of the Author
 - b. Name of the Society submitting the nomination (**NO** abbreviations)
 - c. Category the nomination is being submitted in for consideration
 - d. Age of the Author (Junior Categories)
 - e. Date of Publication and Title of the Society Newsletter
For Example, Bob Jones Category 15 01/01/2009 Any Society, *Our Newsletter*

Tip: Use our online forms and follow the directions to submit electronically.

See: http://faas.info/programs_pub_how_to_enter.htm

Multiple Categories and/or Entrants may not be grouped together with a single cover sheet. Any entry in a category, which is not separately identified according to category and entrant, will be disqualified.

4. Changes that eliminate or reduce the scope of a category will take effect during the calendar year following adoption by the Board of Directors and will not apply to the current award year.
5. Do not submit the entries in folders, report covers, or other such holders. Entries submitted in such holders will be disqualified.

6. Awards are given for First, Second, and Third place. The Judges may grant Honorable Mention at their sole discretion.
7. Judges may determine that no entry qualifies for a particular level of award and not issue an award for that level. This allows that there may not be a First (or other) Place while still awarding the remaining places. In any category which is scored on a minimum point requirement there may be no entry that achieves the minimum and no awards will be issued in that category.
8. The Committee Chairman with the following restrictions selects judges:
 - a. No one may judge a category in which they or any member of their family has an entry.
 - b. No one may judge a category in which **any member of any FAAS society** that they are affiliated with has an entry.
 - c. No one may judge a category in which any FAAS society they are affiliated with has an entry.

In instances where a member society is handling any part of the judging they are restricted from judging any category in which they or any of their members has an entry.
9. Junior categories are based upon the age of the entrant at the time the work was submitted to the local society for publication.
 - a. Level I Five (5) - Ten (10) years of age
 - b. Level II Eleven (11) - Thirteen (13) years of age
 - c. Level III Fourteen (14) - Eighteen (18) years of age
10. Inquiries about a category or entry should be directed to the committee Chairman for resolution. The decision of the Chairman in regards to any entry or criteria is final.

Junior Categories

Junior entries are accepted in all of the categories.

Each junior entry must be properly identified as a Junior Entry and must have the age of the entrant clearly marked along with the Junior Category Level it is being submitted in.

For example, if you were submitting a Jr. spawning article of under 500 words for a 12 year old

Bob Jones Age 12 Junior Category 8 Level II 01/19/00 Any Society, ***Our Newsletter***

FAAS Publication Awards Category Descriptions

Num	Category Description	What to Submit	Notes
1	Best Editor and Publication <i>More than Six Issues</i>	Submit each issue of your publication for the year.	Considerations for this category include quality and diversity of articles, layout, and beauty of artwork, photos and typography.
2	Best Editor and Publication <i>Six Issues or less</i>	Submit each issue of your publication for the year.	Considerations for this category include quality and diversity of articles, layout, and beauty of artwork, photos and typography.
3	Best Non-Changing Cover	An entry is a single cover from your publication.	Submissions in this category must feature cover art that does not change. Text changes are OK.
4	Best Changing Cover <i>Original Art</i>	An entry contains all the covers from your publication for the year.	<i>Changing Covers</i> include different drawings or photographs from issue to issue. <i>Original Art</i> means original, member-created drawings and previously unpublished photographs.
4a	Best Changing Cover <i>Non-Original Art</i>	An entry contains all the covers from your publication for the year.	<i>Changing Covers</i> include different drawings or photographs from issue to issue. <i>Non-Original Art</i> means clip art and stock photography.
5	Best FAAS-Related Article	Each entry is a single article, <u>primarily</u> related to the activities of FAAS.	Articles in this category may not be entered in Category 15.
6	Best Exchange Article	Each entry is single article dedicated to reviewing and examining the publications of aquarium societies.	An article in this category should include detailed cites of the author, date of publication and society. The best articles in this category include engaging prose that makes you want to track down an exchange publication.
7	Best Review Article	Each entry is an article which primarily focuses on the review of books, aquarium equipment, DVDs, website, etc.	Articles in this category should offer a detailed description of the item that is reviewed and pricing and availability if applicable.
Note: For Categories 8, 9 and 10, word count does not include the article title, author name, and/or captions of accompanying illustrations or photographs.			

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8	Best Spawning Article <i>Under 500 words</i>	Each entry is a single article about spawning a fish.	A short, to the point, "one-pager" describing how to spawn a fish.
9	Best Spawning Article <i>500 to 1000 words</i>	Each entry is a single article about spawning a fish.	A medium-length article which provides background and specific instructions for spawning a fish.
10	Best Spawning Article More than 1000 words	Each entry is single article about spawning a fish.	An in-depth article which provides background, specific instructions for spawning a fish, and information about the fry.
11	Best Article on a Genus of Fish	Each entry is a single article which covers multiple members of a <u>genus</u> of fish.	<p>A genus is the group of fish which share a common taxonomic name. For example, the genus <i>Xiphophorus</i>.</p> <p>Articles in this category should cover multiple members of the genus.</p> <p>Genera with single species should be submitted in Category 12.</p> <p><u>Exception:</u> Articles are accepted for groups of fish which share a common-name grouping or similar set of characteristics. For example, an article on "gouramies" that span multiple genera such as <i>Ctenops</i>, <i>Colisa</i>, <i>Helostoma</i>, <i>Malpulutta</i>, <i>Parosphromenus</i>, <i>Sphaerichthys</i>, etc.</p> <p>NOTE: Each year we have to disqualify articles in this category which should be submitted in Category 12. Don't let this happen to you.</p>

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12	Best Article on a <i>species</i> of Fish	Each entry is a single article primarily about a single <u>species</u> of fish.	A species is a specific taxonomic unit for a single type of animal. For example, <i>Xiphophorus helleri</i> . It is acceptable to cover valid subspecies, locations, color and fin varieties. Articles in this category should include good background material on the species. Articles primarily concerned with spawning a species should be submitted in Categories 8, 9 or 10.
13	Best Marine Article - Fish	An entry is a single article which is primarily concerned with marine fish.	Articles may be about a species of marine fish or a genus of marine fish. Good examples in this category include a species description, habitat, feeding and husbandry.
14	Best Marine Article - Invertebrates	An entry is a single article which is primarily concerned with marine invertebrates.	Articles may be about a species of marine invertebrate or a genus. Good examples in this category include a species description, habitat, feeding, care and reproduction.
15	Best Continuous FAAS Column	A entry is three or more FAAS-related columns for the year.	Entries this category generally report on the activities of FAAS. A great start is to sign up for the FAAS Mailing List to receive FAAS emails. Other examples include issues of interest to the hobby as a whole such as legislation.
16	Best Article on Aquascaping or Design	An entry is a single article primarily concerned with the challenge of creating well-designed tank habitats.	Good examples of articles in this category include creating biotope tanks and the use of plants, substrate and tank decorations to create attractive aquaria. Note: Articles which primarily focus on plants should be entered in Category 17.
17	Best Article on Plant Maintenance, Cultivation or Reproduction	An entry is a single article about aquatic or semi-aquatic plants.	Good examples of articles in this category include species description and care, and may cover any number of species or genus of plants. Plant tips and techniques articles may also be submitted.

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18	Best Show Article	An entry is a single article which is <u>primarily</u> about a tropical fish show or some aspect of showing fish.	Examples in this category include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recaps of national or regional tropical fish shows 2. How to show fish articles
19	Best Judging Article	An entry is a single article <u>primarily</u> about some aspect of judging tropical fish in a competition.	Typical articles in this category include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to judge fish 2. Analysis of a judging at a show (why a fish won or didn't) 3. Discussion of show judging systems or rules
20	Best How To or Do-It-Yourself Article	An entry is a single article primarily covering how to create, build or make something work that is applicable to fish-keeping.	There is considerable leeway in this category, but the best entries include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the problem that needs to be solved • List of supplies • Step-by-step instructions if appropriate • Photographs if appropriate • How the proposed solution works
21	Best General Article on Society Management	An entry is a single article <u>primarily</u> concerned with how aquarium societies are run.	Many topics may be covered in this category. Some examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes or discussions of a society's constitution or bylaws • Discussion regarding society committee work
22	Best Article on Health/Nutrition	An entry is a single article which is <u>primarily</u> concerned with the health or nutrition of fish or other aquatic organisms	Some possible examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeding practices • Disease Overview (e.g. Understanding Ich) • Diet analysis of fish • General articles on healthy husbandry of fish

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23	Best Collecting Article	An entry is a single article which is <u>primarily</u> about collecting fish, plants or invertebrates	<p>Most examples in this category details either native collections or trips taken by aquarists to collect fish. Articles in this category should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where you went • How you caught it • What you caught
24	Best Traveling Aquarist Article	An entry is a single article which relates travel to some aspect of aquaria or fishkeeping	<p>Many types of articles may be entered here. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visit to a hobbyist's fishroom • A visit to a zoo or public aquarium • A visit to a research station <p>Articles about travel to a regional or national show should be entered in Category 18.</p>
25	Best Humorous Article	An entry is a single article which is primarily intended to be funny.	<p>Winning entries should make it obvious that the overall goal of the article is to be humorous. Articles on other topics which might include a humorous anecdote seldom do well here.</p>
26	Best Original Artwork	Each entry is a single, original hand-drawn or computer-generated artwork. Individual photos may not be entered. Original, artistic photographic montages may be entered.	<p>There is considerable leeway in this category. Past winners were primarily illustrations of fish, plants or diagrams which add to the message of an article.</p>
27	Best Cartoon	An entry is a single, original cartoon. Most entries in this category are hand drawn, but computer-generated, original artwork may be entered.	<p>Although not required, judges generally look for humorous cartoons.</p>
28	Best Continuing Column <i>by a Single Author or Author(s)</i>	An entry includes all of the columns under a single title by the author(s) for the year. A minimum of four columns must be submitted for consideration.	<p>It is expected that entries in this category will include a column from each issue of your publication for the year.</p> <p>Note: Presidents Columns seldom do well in this category.</p>

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29	Best Article, All Other Categories	An entry is a single article with no limitation as to topic.	<p>Articles in #29 cannot be submitted for consideration in any other category.</p> <p>It is expected that the article will be related to some aspect of fish keeping or aquaria.</p>						
30	Author of the Year	Do not submit any entries in this category. The winner is calculated on a point-basis.	<p>Author of the Year is calculated by totaling all of the points from the winning articles under the following point system:</p> <table data-bbox="1367 548 1665 651"> <tr> <td>1st Place</td> <td>5 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Place</td> <td>3 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Place</td> <td>1 point</td> </tr> </table> <p>If any article wins in more than one category, only the entry with the highest number of points will count towards Author of the Year. No points are awarded for Honorable Mention.</p>	1 st Place	5 points	2 nd Place	3 points	3 rd Place	1 point
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