



American Philatelic Society

Instructions to the Jury Award Presentation Criteria

I. APS Medals of Excellence

- A. The APS Medals of Excellence may be awarded, at the discretion of the judges, to exhibits in which the material is predominantly from one of the following time period categories, and which impress them with the clarity of presentation, originality and research that sets the exhibit apart from the rest. If no exhibit in a category is of sufficient merit to impress the judges with its unusual attributes, the award should be withheld.
- B. Medals may be awarded in each of the following categories:
 - 1. Pre 1900 Material
 - 2. 1900-1940 Material
 - 3. 1940-1980 Material
 - 4. Post 1980 Material
- C. The awards are open to any exhibits in the open competition class.
- D. Membership in the APS or the sponsoring club shall not be a prerequisite for exhibiting or winning the awards.

II. APS Research Medals

- A. The award will be given only to an exhibit which displays the best:
 - 1. Original research; no prior documentation, or;
 - 2. Secondary research; assemblage of information from several sources usually arriving at a conclusion never before published, or;
 - 3. In-depth study for which little or not philatelic documentation is recorded, or;
 - 4. In-depth study with an original approach which covers areas not seen in other exhibits on the subject.
- B. The award is to be given only when warranted. If no exhibit displays a sufficient level of research to merit the award, it should be withheld.
- C. The award is open to any exhibit in the open competition class.
- D. Membership in the APS or the sponsoring club shall not be a prerequisite for exhibiting or winning the award.