OIL PAINTERS of AMERICA

CREATING COMMUNITY · ADVANCING SKILLS · ELEVATING EXCELLENCE

PATHWAYS TO SIGNATURE STATUS

REDEFINED IN 2026 WITH THE DISCONTINUATION OF REGIONAL SHOWS

Artists who consistently demonstrate high quality work may qualify for Signature status and the use of "OPA" after their signature.

There are two options to attain Signature status:

OPTION 1 AUTOMATIC

Exhibit in four OPA National Exhibitions within eight years

OR

Exhibit in three OPA National shows within 8 years

AND

Any combination of three of the following within five years:
1) Exhibit in an OPA physical juried exhibition, i.e. Salon or Virtuosos
2) Be a Finalist in an Online Showcase. *Having exhibited in a Regional show within the timeframe also counts*.

OPA SIGNATURE STATUS ACHIEVED

Qualified members will be notified and must still submit an application between June 1 and October 15 for automatic approval.

OPTION 2 COMMITTEE REVIEW

Exhibit in three National shows (no time limit)

OR

Exhibit in two National shows (no time limit)

AND

Any combination of three of the following within the past five years: exhibit in a Salon show; exhibit in a Virtuosos show; be a finalist in an Online Showcase. *Having exhibited in a Regional show within the timeframe also counts.*

SUBMIT APPLICATION

Between June 1 and October 15

Questions? Call us at (815) 356-5987 or email us at membership@oilpaintersofamerica.com