

Master Sewing and Design Professional Certification Grandfather Policy

Fees for Grandfathering into MSDP are the same as for MSDP participants

- \$1500 for non ASDP Members
- \$1000 for ASDP Members

The following are the required five areas of documentation that you must provide in order to be considered for Grandfathering into the MSDP certification program.

- 1). **1-2 page essay on “Why I Am Qualified for MSDP Certification”.**
- 2). **Minimum length of years in business.**
 - 15 years full time
 - or
 - 20 years part time
- 3). **Qualifying Continuing Education Experience**
 - A minimum of 1500 points must be accrued.
 - All activities must be directly related to and consistent with the knowledge base of the sewing and design professions.
 - Evidence or documentation of these activities should be included in an electronic form such as a pdf file. Do not send hard copies or originals.
 - Following is a list of the activities that qualify for professional development points and the eligible number of points earned for each activity for the MSDP Grandfather certification.

Personal Professional Development

Activity	Example	Points Earned	Documentation
Academic Degrees Points awarded if clothing design and textile related	Associates Bachelors Masters Doctorate	50 100 50 100	Transcripts
Professional Education Conferences	Attending Professional Workshop or Class	1 point per instruction hour	See Below*
Professional Education Conferences	Attendance at Conference-- participating/speaking/networking opportunities/vendor marketplace	2 points per day	See Below*
Industry Trade Shows	Viewing Vendor Exhibits at Industry Trade Shows	2 points per day Maximum of 10 points per reporting cycle.	See Below*
Academic fashion sewing and design courses	Credit Courses Audited Courses	15 points for each credit hour 8 points for each credit hour	Transcripts
Workshops or short fashion sewing and design related courses	Non-credit class	1 point per 3 hour class time	See Below*
Design Competitions	Submission of a garment Placing or Recognition	5 points 15 points	Photo Documentation
Exhibitions	Acceptance and participation in a juried exhibition	15 points	Photo Documentation
Education Travel	Subject matter education travel or tour sponsored by professional organization.	2 points per day. Maximum 25 points per reporting cycle	See Below* or Photo Documentation
Teaching Sewing Related Courses	Credit Course Non-Credit Course	30 points per course 15 points per course	Academic vita See Below**

Contribution to the Profession

Professional Education Conference	Teaching presentations, workshops or classes	3 points per instruction hour	Academic vita or See Below**
Educational Resources	Development of educational materials such as course curriculums, curriculum guides, learning packages and workbooks	Single Author: 40 points Co-author: 30 points	PDF file of samples
Perspectives and other industry related periodicals.	Writing newsletter articles and answering posted questions	3 points per article	PDF file of samples
Publications	Published book contributing to the sewing and design knowledge base Information article in newspaper, consumer magazine, or professional magazine that fulfills the mission of sewing and design	Single Author: 45 points Co-Author: 23 points Contributor: 15 points Chapter Author: 10 points Listed Editor: 10 points Contributor to Revised Editions: 10 points Single author: 3 points per article	PDF file of samples
Leadership	ASDP Executive board position Serving on Industry Related National Board of Directors Serving on Industry Related Local Board of Directors	10 points per year 8 points per year 5 points per year	Board documentation

* Documentation for the past six (6) years as per IRS requirement. Beyond six (6) years, a listing of class, year and subject matter or voucher for attendance.

** Course outline or 1099

4). Professional References

Quantity: 3 references from clients

Quantity: 3 references from professional business associates, peer or colleague affiliations, former students.

Please provide a 1 page explanation of why these people are appropriate for your references.

5). **Portfolio of Work**

- Required: 1 page introductory summary of the content and significance of your portfolio.
- Photographs of 15 designs, fully made by you, that represent your body of work. No alterations, outsourced/collaborative work, or rearrangement of existing garments will be accepted.
- A minimum of 5 photographs of clients in their clothing (may be more than one photograph per design) The rest can be photographs on dress forms
- Please provide a CD or a link of your photographs. Do not send hard copy.

Optional Categories to submit in your portfolio:

(This is additional information that the committee can review but is not required.)

- Documentation of participation in professional shows. Send CD or link or written support.
- Document certificates of recognition (such as ASDP Chapter evaluation certification).
- Document awards, press and professional recognition.
- Documentation of other conceptual and artistic representations such as:
 - fiber art pieces
 - fashion related graphic design such as flats, magazine page layout, textile design, CAD designs
 - fashion or costume illustrations by hand

MSDP Certifying Committee

All professionals applying for Grandfathering who submit a completed application will have their qualifications reviewed by a committee of 4 current board members of the Master Sewing and Design Professional Certification board of directors. Please allow 4-6 weeks after receipt of application for notification. The certification fee is due upon mailing in the application.

MSDP Certification Maintenance Requirements

Master Sewing and Design Professionals are required to complete twenty (20) points of continuing education coursework every year, to be reported annually on December 31. Payment of the annual maintenance fee, which is currently \$35 is also due by December 31.

