

CATFISH BASIC MERIT AWARD

To be given to hobbyists who have advanced beyond the novice stage. The following requirements will be used by the awards committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

- 1) Any application should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group.
- 2) The applicant must have experience and a good working knowledge in the care and maintenance of catfish.
- 3) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least eight (8) species of catfish and raise a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.

CATFISH INTERMEDIATE MERIT AWARD

To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to a high level of achievement with constant success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of catfish. The following requirements will be used by the awards committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

- 1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Catfish Basic Merit Award Certificate.
- 2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications may be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
- 3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of catfish.
- 4) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least fifteen (15) species of catfish from at least two (2) families and 3 Genera and raising a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.

CATFISH ADVANCED MERIT AWARD

To be given to a hobbyist who has reached a more advanced level of achievement with consistent success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of catfish. The following requirements will be used by the awards committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

- 1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Catfish Intermediate Merit Award certificate.
- 2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications may be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
- 3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality catfish.
- 4) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least twenty-five (25) species, from three families and 5 Genera and raising a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

CATFISH SENIOR MERIT AWARD

To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to the highest level of outstanding achievement in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of catfish. The following will serve to clarify the standards required by the awards committee before this award will be made.

- 1) The Catfish Senior Merit Award will be awarded only to those hobbyists who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have reached a most outstanding level of achievement.

- 2) Applicants must be nominated by the executive body of an aquarist club or group or by a member of the Awards Committee.
- 3) The applicant must already be a holder of the Catfish Merit Award Certificate.
- 4) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least forty (40) different species from 4 different families and at least 6 Genera and raising a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

Note: Since the term “a reasonable number” is almost impossible to define, the applicant should attempt to raise a quantity of fry that approaches production capability of the species in question.