

LIVEBEARER

BASIC MERIT AWARD

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

1. All applications should be made by or countersigned by the BAP Chairperson (if there is no BAP Chairperson then the executive body of an aquarist club/society may authorize).
2. The applicant must have experience and a good working knowledge in the care and maintenance of Livebearers.
3. The applicant must be successful in spawning at least twelve (12) species of Livebearers and raise a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.

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 Livebearers. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

1. All applications should be made by or countersigned by the BAP Chairperson (if there is no BAP Chairperson then the executive body of an aquarist club/society may authorize).
2. It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Livebearer Basic Merit Award certificate.
3. The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality Livebearers.
4. The applicant must be successful in spawning twenty-five (25) species of Livebearers from at least two (2) families with no more than eighteen (18) from any family and raise a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.

ADVANCED MERIT AWARD

To be given to hobbyists who have reached a more advanced level of achievement with consistent success in the maintenance, breeding and raising of Livebearers. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

1. All applications should be made or countersigned by the BAP Chairperson (if there is no BAP Chairperson then the executive body of an aquarist club/society may authorize).
2. It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Livebearer Intermediate Merit Award certificate.
3. The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality Livebearers.
4. The applicant must be successful in spawning fifty (50) species of Livebearers from at least three (3) families with no more than thirty-five (35) from any family and raise a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.
5. The applicant must include two (2) TARGET FISH.

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 Livebearers. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

1. All applicants must be nominated by the executive body of an aquarist club or group or by a member of the Awards Committee.
2. It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Livebearer Advanced Merit Award certificate.
3. The Livebearer Senior Merit Award will be awarded to only those hobbyists who in the opinion of the Awards Committee have reached a most outstanding level of achievement.
4. The applicant must be successful in spawning seventy-five (75) species of Livebearers from at least four (4) families with no more than sixty (60) from any family and raise a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.
5. The applicant must include at least five (5) TARGET FISH.

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.

Target Fish for Livebearers

Any Anableps species

Belonesox belizanus

Any Jenynsia species

Skiffia bilineata and francesae

Any Girardinichthys species

Hubbsinia turneri

Any Allodontichthys species

Any Hemirhamphidae

Any Syngnathid (Fresh or Marine)

Any Livebearing Stingray