**GVAC BAP Specialty Awards Program**

In addition to the Plateau Awards for the Breeders’ Award Program, there are also Specialty Awards, which may be earned. Those participants who choose to restrict their maintenance and / or breeding to a given family or group of fish, are able to earn special recognition, under the auspices of the Breeders’ Award Program. More generalized BAP participants may also apply for Specialty Award recognition within their various categories of achievement, Specialty Awards represent success with a prescribed number of species, under the existing BAP guidelines as to fry count, rearing term, and reporting requirements. The Specialty Awards are supplements to, and governed by, the ongoing Breeders Awards Program.

As BAP participants are granted listings and points, these spawns may be applied toward the granting of Specialty Awards under the appropriate categories. No ongoing ledgers will be maintained; periodic BAP Printouts will serve as evidence of Specialty Award status. Specialty Award forms should be requested from Breeders’ Award Program Chairman but maintained and submitted by each individual as a given category is chosen. Specialty Awards are granted according to the number of spawns required under each category.

To receive each specialty award an article must be submitted.

The Specialty Award Categories\* (and spawn requirements) are as follows:

**Specialty Category Specialist Master Grand Master**  
**1. Anabantoids 15 25 50**

**2. Catfish 15 25 50**

*Master must include:*  
10 New World species  
2 Old World species  
1 USA indigenous species

*Grand Master must include:*  
20 New World species

4 Old World species

2 USA indigenous species

**3. Characins (order Characiformes) 15 25 50**

**4. Cichlids (Old World) 25 50 100**

*Master must include:*  
5 Lake Malawi species  
5 Lake Tanganyika species  
2 Dwarf species (< 5”/12cm total length)  
2 Lake Victorian species  
2 West African species

*Grand Master must include:*  
10 Lake Malawi species  
10 Lake Tanganyika species  
5 Dwarf species (< 5”/12cm total length)  
5 Lake Victorian species  
5 West African species  
5 Riverine species  
1 Asian species  
1 Madagascar species

**5. Cichlids (New World) 25 50 100**

*Master must include:*  
10 Central & North American species  
5 South American species  
5 Dwarf (including at least 2 Apistogramma species)

*Grand Master must include:*  
20 Central & North American species  
10 South American species  
10 Dwarf (including at least 2 Apistogramma species) species

**6. Cyprinids (family Cyprinidae) 25 50 100**

**7. Killifish (family Cyprinodontidae) 25 50 100**

*Master must include:*  
3 New World plant spawning species  
5 New World Soil spawning species  
5 Old World Plant spawning species  
2 Old World Soil spawning species  
3 Native U.S. species

*Grand Master must include:*  
7 New World plant spawning species  
10 New World Soil spawning species  
15 Old World Plant spawning species  
4 Old World Soil spawning species  
6 Native U.S. species

**8. Livebearers 25 50 100**

*Master must include:*  
5 Goodeids  
3 Limia species  
5 Xiphophorus species  
1 Halfbeak

*Grand Master must include:*  
15 Goodeids  
6 Limia species  
10 Xiphophorus species  
2 Halfbeaks