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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What are the RISE Awards?

Meeting Professionals International (MPI) launched the **R**ecognize **I**ndustry **S**uccess and **E**xcellence (RISE) Award Program in 2009. This annual program recognizes up to four chapters and three individual members from the MPI community based on their work's influence, transferability, and innovation within the MPI Community and/or the industry at large.

What is the process for the RISE Awards?

The process begins with community members placing nominations for chapters and members to receive an award. Once a nomination has been placed, the nominated candidate will receive notification from MPI detailing who nominated them, what award category they were nominated in, and the reason given for their nomination. At that point, the nominated candidate will receive a link to apply online for the award. Candidates must complete their application for a RISE Award online. Once received, applications are reviewed by MPI staff for eligibility. All eligible applications are evaluated and selected by the RISE Awards Committee. Selections are then ratified by the MPI International Board of Directors. Recipients are then notified. Public announcement coincides with MPI's WEC (World Education Congress).

What is the timeline for the 2020 RISE Awards?

Nominations and applications will take place simultaneously. Once a nomination has been placed, the nominated candidate will receive notification from MPI. This notification will include information about how to submit an application for a RISE Award.

- Nominations are accepted Oct. 10th, 2019 – Dec. 15th, 2019 at 11:59 PM, CST
- Applications are accepted Oct. 10th, 2019 - Dec. 31st at 11:59 PM, CST

Once an application is submitted, applicants will receive an email confirming that their application was received (applicants may need to check their junk, spam, or clutter inboxes for this automated email). All applicants will be notified of their application status in the spring of 2020. Recipients will be celebrated with the MPI community at WEC Grapevine, June 6-9, 2020 in Grapevine, Texas.

What are the RISE Award categories?

There are four chapter categories: Marketplace Excellence, Membership Achievement, Industry Advocate, and Innovative Educational Programming. There are three member categories: Young Professional Achievement, Member of the Year, and Meeting Industry Leadership. Please visit www.mpi.org/rise and click on our eligibility document to learn more about the specific criteria for each award.

Why should I nominate a member or a chapter?

While the RISE Awards are a prestigious honor and a lifetime opportunity, award candidates report feeling honoured and recognized through their peer nomination alone; we encourage you to show appreciation for your peers through a nomination for a RISE Award.

ABOUT NOMINATIONS

How do I submit a nomination for an individual or for a chapter?

Nominations are placed through a short and simple online form. [Click here](#) to submit a nomination in the chapter category; [click here](#) to submit a nomination for an MPI member. These links are also available on the RISE award website: www.mpi.org/riseawards.

Do I have to be a member of MPI to place a nomination?

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, regardless of affiliation with MPI.

May I submit more than one nomination?

Yes! Please nominate as many worthy MPI chapters or members as you are compelled to. Click [here for member nominations](#) and [here for chapter nominations](#) to submit a member or chapter now.

How can I or my chapter be nominated for an award? Can I nominate myself or my own chapter?

Yes! If you are an MPI member seeking to be nominated, you now have the option to nominate yourself. Simply complete the nomination form for yourself and you will soon receive a notification from MPI Global. You may also ask a peer to consider placing a nomination for you. The same process holds for MPI chapters.

My company wants to nominate me – what should I tell them?

Send them [this link](#) to place their nomination now. If your company or colleagues have specific questions about the RISE Awards, please have them email MPI at riseawards@mpi.org.

I want to nominate someone for an individual achievement award, but I don't know if they are a member of MPI.

No problem! You are encouraged to place this nomination regardless of the person's member status. All individuals will receive notification of the criteria and eligibility for the RISE Awards and will be asked to ensure that they are compliant with the standards of eligibility before placing their application. MPI staff will also vet all applicants for eligibility.

If I nominate a chapter, who will receive the notification of this nomination?

Chapter Presidents will be notified of their chapter's nomination.

Can an individual who won an award in the past be eligible for a RISE nomination?

Yes. MPI's previous award programs recognized individuals, chapters and organizations for achievements different from the RISE awards criteria.

FOR AWARD CANDIDATES

How is my application submitted?

You will receive an email notifying you of your nomination. This email contains the link that will allow you to access the online application. Please collect and upload all materials to this online platform.

Can I mail MPI Global any hard copies of application materials?

No. You will receive an email notifying you of your nomination containing the link to the online application. Please collect and upload all materials to this online platform. If you are experiencing trouble with the platform or require any additional assistance, please contact riseawards@mpi.org.

***I have submitted a complete application for myself, my chapter, club, or student club.
What are the next steps?***

Applicants will be notified in the spring of 2020 regarding their status in the program.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Email riseawards@mpi.org.