



## Frequently Asked Questions

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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 by the RISE Awards Committee. The Committee's selections are sent to the MPI International Board of Directors for ratification, after which recipients are notified. Public announcement is made in the spring or summer, with significant recognition at MPI's WEC (World Education Congress).

### ***What is the timeline for the 2021 RISE Awards?***

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

- Nominations are accepted Nov. 1, 2021 – Dec. 10, 2021 at 11:59 PM, CST
- Applications are accepted Nov. 1, 2021 – Jan. 7, 2022 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 2022. Recipients will be celebrated with the MPI community at WEC.

### ***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](http://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?***

Receiving a RISE Award is a prestigious honor and a lifetime opportunity. However, the simple act of being nominated by a peer can create an immense sense of appreciation and pride. Nominees tell staff that they feel grateful and honored to simply receive a nomination, so we encourage you to recognize a deserving colleague with a nomination for a RISE Award today.

## **ABOUT NOMINATIONS**

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

Visit [www.mpi.org/riseawards](http://www.mpi.org/riseawards) to find the nomination applications for individual and chapter awards.

### ***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. Visit [www.mpi.org/riseawards](http://www.mpi.org/riseawards) to nominate a member or chapter once nominations are open.

***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?***

Direct them to [www.mpi.org/riseawards](http://www.mpi.org/riseawards) to place their nomination once nominations open. If your company or colleagues have specific questions about the RISE Awards, please have them email MPI at [riseawards@mpi.org](mailto: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?***

Current chapter presidents and the immediate past president 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.

## **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](mailto: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 2022 regarding their status in the program.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Email [riseawards@mpi.org](mailto:riseawards@mpi.org).