



Program Guide

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Program Overview

The RISE Awards are MPI's annual recognition program for its members and chapters. MPI launched the **R**ecognize **I**ndustry **S**uccess and **E**xcellence (RISE) Award Program in 2009.

The program has 4 award categories for chapters and 3 award categories for members.

Award recipients are selected based on the criteria of influence, transferability, and innovation.

Process

In November, RISE Award nominations and applications open. MPI members and chapters may directly apply for a RISE Award using the application link shared on the RISE Award website. This application will include questions about the applicant's overall professional trajectory, with a special emphasis on the preceding year. If an individual would like to nominate a member or chapter for an award, they may do so using a nomination form also available on the MPI RISE Awards website. Nominations are not required starting in the 2022-2023 awards cycle.

Candidates who complete their application for a RISE Award within the posted deadlines are vetted for eligibility, with eligible candidates assessed numerically by the RISE Awards Committee. Top ranking applicants receive an interview with committee members, and all information provided is then considered by the committee. The committee's award selection slate is ratified by MPI's International Board of Directors and celebrated at the following WEC event.

Timeline

Date	Opportunity
November 1, 2022	2023 RISE Award Nominations & Application Opens
December 12, 2022	RISE Awards Nominations close
January 8, 2023	RISE Awards Application closes
January - February 2023	RISE Awards Committee Reviews - Round 1
February 24, 2023	Notify applicants
March 2023	RISE Awards Committee Interviews Finalists - Round 2
March 30, 2023	RISE Award Finalists Announced at GMID
March 31, 2023	RISE Awards selections ratified
April 2023	All applicants (interview finalists and recipients) are notified
June 12-15, 2023	RISE Awards Recognition & Presentation at WEC Riviera Maya

Award Categories

There are seven award categories.

Four categories pertain to MPI chapters: Marketplace Excellence, Membership Achievement, Industry Advocate, and Innovative Educational Programming.

Three categories pertain to MPI members: Young Professional Achievement, Member of the Year, and Meeting Industry Leadership.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES

Innovative Educational Programming

This award recognizes an MPI chapter, club, or student club for achievement in advancing the education and professional development of its members through innovative programming.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Program(s) must have been completed with evaluation data available at time of application.
- Chapters termed as 'needs improvement' and short of sustaining with over 1 year of participation in the MPI Global metric incentive program may be eligible for recognition; but will not be eligible for this award.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- The programs meet members' professional development needs and interests.
- The programs measurably encourage participation and commitment by local members.
- Creates value for members and stakeholders.

Transferability

- Impact of contributions and achievements has a global reach.
- Strategic tools used may be accessed and used by others within MPI and/or the meeting and event industry.
- Upholds values and principles useful to people across the industry.

Transferability

- Creates and implements inventive and original educational programs for MPI members.
- Uses technology to increase the impact of educational programming.

Industry Advocate

This award recognizes an MPI chapter, club, or student club for their achievements in promoting and advancing the meeting and event industry. Chapters and clubs must demonstrate their education efforts regarding the impact of the meeting and event industry. This can be through promotion and participation in Global Meetings Industry Day, strategic use and implementation of tools and resources provided by the Meetings Mean Business Coalition, or other event directly relating to the meeting and event industry.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Program(s) must have been completed with evaluation data available at time of application.
- Chapters termed as 'needs improvement' and short of sustaining with over 1 year of participation in the MPI Global metric incentive program may be eligible for recognition; but will not be eligible for this award.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- Builds connections through Global Meetings Industry Day, the Meetings Mean Business Coalition, or MPI's Meetings Move Us Forward initiative, or other event directly relating to the meeting and event industry.
- Inspires others to engage in industry-related awareness campaigns and events.

Innovation

- Promotes to and connects new audiences to the meeting and event industry.
- Effectively communicates and educates others on the business value of meetings and events.

Transferability

- Contributions and achievements have a global reach.
- Programs inspire professional growth and higher achievement among participants.
- Programs can be implemented by other MPI chapters, clubs, or student clubs and/or the meeting and event industry.

Membership Achievement

This award recognizes an MPI chapter, club, or student club for achievement in membership growth, engagement, and retention. Chapters and clubs must demonstrate the impact of their campaigns, programming, overall membership numbers, and involvement in chapter/club activities and/or improvement in retention.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominated program(s) must have been completed with evaluation data available at time of application.
- Chapters termed as 'needs improvement' and short of sustaining with over 1 year of participation in the MPI Global metric incentive program may be eligible for recognition; but will not be eligible for this award.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- Uses campaigns and programs to boost growth, involvement, and/or retention of membership.
- Membership confirms satisfaction through local participation in chapter events and volunteerism, positive responses on surveys, and retention.

Innovation

- Creates and implements new and inventive programs that encourage advancement of the chapter, club, or student club.
- Uses technology and other cutting-edge tools to increase impact of membership campaigns.

Transferability

- Contributions and achievements have a global reach.

- Programs can be implemented by other MPI chapters, clubs, or student clubs and/or the meeting and event industry.

Marketplace Excellence

This award recognizes an MPI chapter for developing an exceptional program (event, website or other business exchange) for members. Chapters will have launched an innovative program that offers valuable opportunities for members to market their services.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominated program(s) must have been completed with evaluation data available at time of application.
- Chapters termed as 'needs improvement' and short of sustaining with over 1 year of participation in the MPI Global metric incentive program may be eligible for recognition; but will not be eligible for this award.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- Creates a new program, or significantly enhances an existing program, that provides business-to-business marketing opportunities for its members.
- Program has achieved market recognition and makes a measurable impact on the community through business opportunities; and feedback data which demonstrate that the program has driven collaboration and communication between MPI members and others within the meeting and event industry.

Innovation

- Program is original and unique. Although many MPI chapters develop reliable programs, this award recognizes innovation.
- Innovation can be demonstrated either through the successful delivery of a novel program concept, or a novel and significant adaptation to an existing program format.

Transferability

- Program can be transferred to other MPI chapters for implementation, using planning practices such as marketing, green practices, cost-saving measures, or removing geographic boundaries.



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES

Meeting Industry Leadership

This award honors those rare individuals who by visionary hard work and creative insight have positively changed the global meeting and event industry. It recognizes sustained commitment and substantial contributions to the meeting and event community.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be an MPI member in good standing.
- MPI Global volunteers who currently serve on the MPI International Board of Directors, the MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees, or the RISE Awards Committee are not eligible.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- Creates or implements projects and initiatives that enhance MPI and the meeting and event industry.
- Actively promotes MPI and/or the industry.
- Displays passion and commitment to industry-related issues by championing and supporting those issues with targeted projects, communications, and strategic initiatives which produce measurable impact.
- Demonstrates commitment to MPI and the industry through leadership roles or other civic involvement within MPI or external industry organizations.

Innovation

- Creates or implements original projects and ideas that enhance MPI and the industry.
- Displays creative problem-solving and thinking.

Transferability

- Contributions and achievements have a global reach.
- Upholds values and principles useful to people across the industry.
- Contributions have relevance to the broader community and can be applied by others within the MPI and the meeting and event industry.

Member of the Year

This award is given to an exceptional MPI member who through volunteer efforts has made outstanding grassroots contributions and demonstrated unparalleled commitment to the advancement of a chapter, club, community, or region.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be an MPI member for five (5) or more continuous years based on membership anniversary date and is active in their local MPI chapter or club and/or in a community leadership role.

- MPI Global volunteers who currently serve on the MPI International Board of Directors, the MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees, or the RISE Awards Committee are not eligible.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- Collaborates with community leaders resulting in the advancement of MPI and/or the industry.
- Supports the Mission and Vision of MPI through individual grassroots efforts.
- Demonstrates commitment to MPI and the industry through leadership roles or other civic involvement within MPI and/or external industry organizations.

Innovation

- Creates and implements initiatives that spark change and growth within the community.
- Creates a legacy through original programs that support the Mission and Vision of MPI.
- Inspires peers with enthusiasm, originality, or creative thinking.

Transferability

- Contributions and achievements have a global reach.
- Encourages participation and helps to develop new leaders in MPI or the industry at large.
- Upholds values and principles useful to people across the industry.

Young Professional Achievement

This award recognizes an individual 35 years of age or younger with a minimum of 1 year's professional experience in the meeting and event industry who has made outstanding contributions to MPI and/or the meeting and event industry.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Thirty-five (35) of years of age or younger at some point in the year of submitting the award application.
- 1 year minimum of professional experience in the meeting and event industry at the time of applying.
- Must be an MPI member in good standing.
- MPI Global volunteers who currently serve on the MPI International Board of Directors, the MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees, or the RISE Awards Committee are not eligible.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Influence

- Makes a measurable impact on the industry through the development and implementation of projects and initiatives.
- Cultivates new leaders and collaborates with current leaders.
- Sparks interest in the industry and brings awareness of it to a broader audience.
- Demonstrates commitment to MPI and the industry through leadership roles or civic engagement within MPI or other industry organizations.

Innovation

- Creates and implements original projects or concepts that have helped to further enhance MPI and/or the industry.
- Inspires colleagues and peers with enthusiasm and creative thinking.

Transferability

- Contributions and achievements have a global reach.
- Upholds values and principles useful to people across the industry.
- Contributions have relevance to the broader community and can be applied by others within MPI and the meeting and event industry.



Common Questions

If I want to apply for a RISE Award, what do I have to do?

Visit the MPI RISE Awards website to access the application. Eligibility for awards vary by award category; please review each award in detail to determine your eligibility.

What happened to nominations?

Starting with the 2022-2023 awards cycle, nominations will be optional. If you would like to nominate a member or chapter to recognize their efforts and achievements, you are encouraged to nominate them for an award. However, anyone interested in applying for an award will now be able to do so directly by accessing the application on the MPI RISE Awards website.

How do I submit a nomination or an application?

Visit the MPI RISE Awards website to find links to our nomination and application forms.

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

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, regardless of affiliation with MPI. Applicants must be members of MPI to be eligible for an award.

May I submit more than one nomination or application?

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

No. All materials should be shared in the online application.

Do I need to be nominated for an award before I can apply for an award?

No. Nominations are now optional.

Do I need to have recommendation letters?

No. Starting with the 2022-2023 awards cycle, recommendation letters will be optional.

How will I know my application was submitted?

You will receive an application confirmation through the RISE application system. Please be sure to check your clutter, junk, or spam folders and add the mailer to your safe sender or approved email address list.

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 (March/April) regarding their status in the program.

Additional Questions: Email riseawards@mpi.org