



2021 Circle of Excellence Awards

Awards Criteria

General Eligibility Criteria (*applies to all awards nominations*)

- Event/Program Date: The 2019-2020 fiscal year dates from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, and the 2020-2021 fiscal year dates from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. All events and programs must have occurred within these dates to be eligible for an award.
- MPI St. Louis Area Chapter Member: The nominated entity (organization, individual, etc.) must have representation in MPI St. Louis Area Chapter and be a current member of MPI St. Louis Area Chapter in good standing.
- Each MPI St. Louis Area Chapter member is only eligible to win one award per fiscal year.
- Must not have won this award in the previous year
- Awards are based on the member's contributions within MPI, the St. Louis Area Chapter or in the hospitality industry within the Greater St. Louis area.

Up for Nomination...

Planner of the Year

Awarded to a Planner Member who has impacted the hospitality industry with their unwavering service and contributions within their position and overall industry excellence. The nominee continues to propel forward to meet and overcome the ever-changing challenges of the meeting industry. Displays exemplary representation of the meeting management profession by creating new initiatives or acting as a catalyst to bring about exceptional results in the industry. Nominees have demonstrated continued personal growth through mentoring and exceptional leadership.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to any **planner member** for their contributions to the industry/job ([view the eligible nominees](#))

Supplier of the Year

Awarded to a Supplier Member who has impacted the hospitality industry with their unwavering service and contributions within their position and overall industry excellence. This member inspires others, contributes to the continued enhancements of the meeting profession, creates new initiatives or acts as a catalyst to bring about exceptional results in the industry. Nominees will be considered for professional experience, industry service and civic activities.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to any **supplier member** for the contributions to the industry/job ([view the eligible nominees](#))

Chapter Leader of the Year

Awarded to a member who has served in a leadership role and whose work has made considerable contribution to the growth of our Chapter. Nominees' contributions may include inspiring other members, creating new initiatives or acting as a catalyst to bring about exceptional results in the chapter.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to a **board member** or **committee chairperson** for their contributions to the chapter as a volunteer leader ([view eligible nominees](#))

Volunteer of the Year

Awarded to a member who has contributed extraordinarily with his/her dedication, vision, enthusiasm, willingness to participate, volunteer efforts and commitment to the Chapter. Shows promise through their commitment to their education and career in the meeting and hospitality industry. This member shows true potential as a role model and future leader.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to any **volunteer** for outstanding work volunteering to the chapter; current board members are ineligible ([view eligible nominees](#))

Venue of the Year

Recognizes a St. Louis area venue for excellence in food, service or creativity for a meeting or event that took place in June 2019-June 2021.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- The **Venue** must be associated with an MPI St. Louis Chapter hosted or sponsored meeting or event, and any venue that hosted a Chapter event in 2019-2021 is automatically nominated.

Bob Green President's Award

Awarded to a committee member of MPI St. Louis Area Chapter that has made substantial contributions to the chapter. Criteria to include industry service, integrity, honesty, and commitment to the success of the Office of the President and/or MPI. This award is chosen by the MPI St. Louis Area Chapter Current President.

Please Note: *This award does not receive nominations by the members of the chapter and is at the sole discretion of the President.*