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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What are the RISE Awards?

Meeting Professionals International (MPI) launched the Recognize Industry Success and Excellence (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 timeline for the 2019 RISE Awards?

This year, nominations and applications will take place simultaneously. The moment that a nomination has been placed, the nominated candidate will receive notification of this nomination and receive information about how to complete an application for a RISE Award.

- Nominations are accepted Oct. 1st, 2018 – Dec. 12th, 2018 at 11:59 PM, CST
- Applications are accepted Oct. 1st, 2018 - Dec. 21st at 11:59 PM, CST

When an application is submitted, applicants will receive confirmation that their application has been received by MPI. Individuals and chapter leaders will receive notification of their application status in the spring of 2019. Recipients will be celebrated with the MPI community at WEC 2019 in Toronto, Canada.

What is the process for the RISE Awards?

All candidates must be nominated to apply for an award. Once a nomination has been placed, the nominated candidate will receive notification of the nomination and receive information about how to complete an application for a RISE Award. All applications are reviewed for eligibility by MPI Global staff. Eligible applications are

evaluated in the spring by the RISE Awards Committee, which is an international volunteer committee composed of MPI members. Once the recipients are ratified by the MPI International Board of Directors, award recipients are notified, with industry-wide announcements coinciding with 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. For more information on each award, visit www.mpiweb.org/rise.

Why should I nominate a member or a chapter?

While the RISE Awards programs are a prestigious honor and a lifetime opportunity, award candidates report they are honored to be recognized at all by their peers through a nomination. We encourage you to show appreciation for your peers through a nomination for a RISE Award.

ABOUT NOMINATIONS

Can I submit multiple nominations for several different MPI members, chapters, clubs, or student clubs?

Yes! Any worthy chapter, club, student club, or member should be recognized with a nomination. [Click here](#) submit a nomination now.

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

They are encouraged to place a nomination! [Click here](#) submit a nomination now. If your company or colleagues have specific questions about this program, please share this email as a resource for answering any questions or concerns: riseawards@mpiweb.org.

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

You are encouraged to place this nomination! Once nominated, 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. It is their responsibility to comply with these rules. Only members of MPI will be considered for individual awards.

How can I be nominated for an award?

If you are an MPI member seeking to be nominated, you now have the option to nominate yourself. Simply complete the nomination form and nominate yourself as you would nominate another individual or chapter and you will soon receive a notification from MPI Global. You may also ask a peer to consider placing a nomination for you.

How can my chapter be nominated for an award?

[Click here](#) to submit a nomination now! The nomination form is the same for both chapters and members. You will be asked to enter the email address of the chapter's current president, but if you don't know their email address you may use riseawards@mpiweb.org and MPI staff will contact that chapter's president for you.

For chapter awards, should the recognized program(s) and campaign(s) relate to the 2017-2018 program year or the 2018-2019 program year?

This is a great question. The 2019 RISE Award program will award work from the previous year (2017-18).

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

[Click here](#) to submit a nomination now. This link is also available at the RISE award website at www.mpiweb.org/riseawards.

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

No. Nominations may be submitted by both members and non-members.

I or my chapter/club/student club was nominated for an award! What do I do?

The email notification that you received contains the eligibility and criteria for each award category as well as a link to start the application. Please ensure you fit the eligibility requirements, as any applicant who does not fit the eligibility requirements will be automatically disqualified even if they complete an application. Please review all of the information on the first page of the application and proceed with your application. Should you have further questions concerns please reach out to: riseawards@mpiweb.org.

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

Yes. The previous award programs recognized individuals, chapters and organizations for achievements different from the RISE Awards criteria.

FOR CANDIDATES

How is my application submitted?

You will receive an email notifying you of your nomination containing the link that will allow you to access the online application. Please collect and upload all materials to this online platform. Please note that the application will not save your answers, so it is best to review the application and draft your answers outside of this web-based platform. Then, when you have completed your answers and gathered your supplemental documents, come back to this application to upload all materials at once.

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@mpiweb.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 2019 regarding their status in the program.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Email riseawards@mpiweb.org.