



## MFCP Annual Awards – Celebrating the Best in Our Industry!

*It takes a Team!* The success of free community papers relies on the dedication and hard work of professionals in a variety of roles—many of whom work behind the scenes with little recognition. MFCP is proud to introduce a series of annual awards to honor these individuals. We invite you to submit nominations in the following categories

### Graphic Designer of the Year

Criteria:

- Consistently produces eye-catching, effective designs.
- Demonstrates creativity, technical skill, and attention to detail.
- Works well under deadlines and adapts to client needs.
- Plays a key role in enhancing publication quality and engagement.
- Contributes to team success by mentoring and/or supporting colleagues.

#### Call for Nominations:

Behind every great publication is a talented designer! MFCP's *Graphic Designer of the Year* award recognizes the creativity and skill that bring ideas to life. If you know a designer who makes a difference, send in your nomination! Nomination form and up to 3 samples of their work required.

### Journalist of the Year

Criteria:

- Produces high-quality, engaging, and impactful content.
- Demonstrates journalistic integrity.
- Covers community news and features with accuracy, fairness, and depth.
- Helps strengthen the role of their publications in informing and engaging readers.
- Contributes to team success by mentoring and/or supporting colleagues.

#### Call for Nominations:

Great journalism keeps communities informed and engaged. MFCP's *Journalist of the Year* award honors those who tell compelling stories and uphold journalistic excellence. Nominate a journalist who makes a difference! Nomination form and up to 3 samples of their work required

### Unsung Hero Award

Criteria:

- Plays a critical role in the daily success of a publication.
- Demonstrates reliability, teamwork, and dedication.
- Goes above and beyond to support the publication.

#### Call for Nominations:

Some of the most important contributions come from behind the scenes. MFCP's *Unsung Hero Award* recognizes the essential team members who make everything run smoothly but rarely get the spotlight. If you know someone who keeps things moving, nominate them today! (Note: sales people, journalist and graphic artists not eligible. This is for the folks behind the scenes). Nomination form and written comments to support nomination are required.



## Annual Awards Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to recognize excellence in our industry! Please complete the form below to submit your nomination.

### Award Category (Check One):

- Graphic Designer of the Year
- Journalist of the Year
- Unsung Hero

### Nominee Information

- Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nominee's Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- Company/Publication: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nominee's Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nominee's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Information (Nominator)

- Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- Company/Publication: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Details

1. **Why are you nominating this individual?** Please provide specific examples of their achievements, impact, and dedication. (Attach up to 3 examples of work if required for the award category.)

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2. **How has this individual contributed to their team's success and the overall success of their publication?**

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3. **Additional Comments (Optional):**

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### Supporting Documents (if applicable):

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**Submission Instructions:** Please submit your completed nomination form and any supporting documents via email to [director@mfcpc.org](mailto:director@mfcpc.org) by 4PM, **March 14, 2025**

Thank you for helping us celebrate the best in our industry!