

MIDWEST FREE COMMUNITY PAPERS Nomination Information and Form – 2026

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Most Valued Professional Program

The MFCP Most Valued Professional program is designed to honor and train individuals who are emerging leaders in the free paper industry and 40 years old or younger. This annual program will recognize up to 5 individuals who represent the best of our up and coming industry professionals. These individuals exemplify good character, leadership and professionalism not only at work, but in the communities they serve.

Nominee qualifications

These individuals should show the promise of and a commitment to impacting their publication and/or industry in a positive manner through professional achievement. Nominees must also show they not only perform their jobs to a high standard, but they also have a commitment to furthering their knowledge and abilities. Nominees must actively work in the free paper industry for a member/associate member of MFCP and are required to have been employed for at least 6 months.

Contact Information

Recognition program

The Most Valued Professional award recipients will be recognized in Paperclips, the official newsletter of MFCP, as well as participate in the annual MFCP Conference and Trade Show. MVP award winners receive free registration and hotel accommodations at the Conference as part of their award.

Ongoing Opportunity

MFCP Most Valued Professionals will be asked to assist the various initiatives of the association on an ongoing basis for up to two years. MFCP recognizes that we have much to learn from these talented young people and hopes to use their skills to help us lead the free paper industry. In return for participation in regularly scheduled conference calls and for volunteering some time to assist with various MFCP initiatives, MFCP will provide additional leadership development opportunities and the opportunity to attend future conferences for even more training.

Nominations due by:

Friday, January 30, 2026

Name of Nominee	
Title	
Company Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Name of Nominator	
Email Address	
Relationship to Nominee	

1) Job Description

Please provide a description of the nominee's professional responsibilities.

Please address each of the following areas of

professional achievement and community involvement.

2) Commitment and Dependability

Provide details of how the nominee consistently produces work of high quality and provides outstanding service to his/her employer.

3) Teamwork and Leadership

Please list and provide a brief description of the nominee's demonstrated teamwork and leadership abilities.

4) Community Activities and Honors

Please list and provide a brief description of the nominee's involvement in community organizations and any recognition/awards received.

5) Additional Comments

Please provide additional information as to why you feel this employee is deserving of this recognition. Items to consider are: innovation in the workplace, industry involvement, desire to learn, leadership roles, etc.

Signature of Nominator_____

Date _____

Summary of Most Valued Professional Participation

General details about the expectations and opportunity for those who are accepted into the program.

Participation Requirements and Expectations:

For the program to be successful, we require the active participation of all members. We understand that occasionally there will be scheduling conflicts and therefore an inability to join the activity. Communication of the need to miss prior to the activity is expected. Any MVP that does not maintain an acceptable level of participation will not be eligible for the conference attendance scholarship.

Mission Statement:

We exist to provide training and add value to the individual, their company and the Midwest Free Community Papers association as a whole.

Mail application to:

MFCP, Attn: Lee Borkowski 29160 Hell Hollow Road Richland Center, WI 53581

Email application to: director@mfcp.org

Questions? Please call the office at: **888-899-MFCP (6372)** Nominations due by: Friday, January 30, 2026

