

2025–2026 Minnesota Future Problem Solving Calendar and Costs
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Workshops – Summer/Fall 2025 *Registrations open July 1, 2025*

Event	Training Dates Times/Via Zoom	Registration Deadline	Fees
New Coach Training 6-Step Process	September 24 & 25 9:00 – 3:30 each day	September 17 Workshop Registration	\$200.00
Community Projects Coach Training	September 27 9:00 – 3:00	September 19 Workshop Registration	\$125.00
Community Projects Student Training	September 27 9:00 – 3:00	September 19 Workshop Registration	\$25.00 per Student
Community Projects Parent Training	September 27 9:00 – 3:00	September 19 Workshop Registration	\$15.00 per Parent
Storytelling Coach Training	October 4 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	September 26 Workshop Registration	\$95.00
Creative Writing Coach Training	October 4 Noon – 2:00 p.m.	September 26 Workshop Registration	\$95.00
Evaluator Training	As needed. Contact Cheryl@mnfpssp.org	No Charge for Evaluators	\$75.00 for coaches

To register for Workshops, go to: [Workshop Registration](#)

OR copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/EN1HESZxqoJu5fbf7>

District/Community Registration – Annual Fee – Registration Period: September 1–October 10, 2025

Description	Registration Deadline	Fee
Returning Public Schools	October 10, 2025	\$135.00
New Public Schools	October 10, 2025	\$90.00
Parochial/Private Schools	October 10, 2025	\$75.00
Home School Groups, Clubs, Other Community Groups	October 10, 2025	\$50.00

To submit your District / Community Registration, go to: [District / Community Registration Form 2025–26](#)

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Questions: Email Cheryl@mnfpssp.org

MN FPSP State Board Meetings – Check the MN FPSP website calendar for more info

October 25, 2025	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m. to Noon Via Zoom
February 16–21, 2026, Google Docs	Feb. 21, 2026, Zoom	9 – 11:00 a.m. Via Zoom
June 20, 2026	Annual Reorganization Meeting	9:00 a.m. to Noon Via Zoom

Competition Calendars – Next Pages

Program and Registration Information on the following pages.

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GLOBAL ISSUES - (Teams and Individuals)

Watch for Registration Information in the Fall Newsletter.

Event	Important Dates	Other Info
Team & Individual Registrations - Cost covers Problems 1 & 2, and Qualifying Problem REGISTER HERE	Due: October 16, 2025	\$160.00 per Team \$50.00 per Individual \$50.00 Per AbPS Team
Problem #1 Topic: Invasive Species (<i>Optional, but highly recommended</i>)	Due: October 16, 2025 Due by 5:00 p.m.	Submit Steps 1–3 Via Google Docs (<i>No Extra Charge</i>)
Problem #1 Evaluations Released	October 21, 2025	Access Results – Via Shared Google Folder
Problem #2 Topic: Space Exploration (<i>Mandatory to be eligible for Qualifying Problem</i>)	Due: November 20, 2025	Submit All Steps Via Google Docs (<i>No Extra Charge</i>)
Problem #2 Evaluation	November 21–22, 2025	Virtually via Google Docs
Problem #2 Evaluation Results Released	November 24, 2025	Access Results – Via Shared Google Folder
Qualifying Problem (QP) Reg of Student Names	Due: December 12, 2025	QP Info sent via email
2026 QP Topic: Video Games	Written Competition Dates: Jan. 8–15, 2026 PAP Recordings Due: Tuesday, January 20 Awards: January 24	Written work done via Google Docs from “home.” Via Google Forms Virtual via YouTube Live
Qualifying Problem Written Evaluation PAP Judging	January 16–17 January 22	Fully Virtual
Qualifying Problem Results Released Access Results via shared Google Folder	January 24, 2026* *After the Awards	Affiliate Final Invitations sent via email.
State/Affiliate Final Registrations Due	Due: February 6	\$20.00 Late Fee per Reg. received after Due Date
State/Affiliate Final Registration Fees Due	Due: February 20	\$175.00 per Team \$50.00 per Individual \$30.00 per MAGIC Competitor
2026 State/Affiliate Final Topic: Surveillance Presentation of Action Plan ONSITE Celebration & PAP Finals	February 26–March 5 Tuesday, March 10 Saturday, March 21	Written Work via Google Docs PAP Recordings Due St. Cloud North Junior High
International Conference Topic: To be announced in March	June 10–14, 2026 \$750 to \$850 per person plus travel.	Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana
Freelance/Non-competitive Evaluations Talk to Cheryl@mnfmsp.org for more info.	Dates determined as needed.	\$25.00 per evaluation. Ask about quantity rates.

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Creative Writing [REGISTER HERE](#)

Creative Writing Registrations	Due: October 24, 2025	\$85.00 per student
Creative Writing Draft Review - <i>Optional</i>	Submissions Due: December 12, 2025	NC
State Competition Submission	Due: February 20, 2026	NC

Storytelling [REGISTER HERE](#)

Storytelling Registrations	Due: October 24, 2025	\$85.00 per student
Recorded Submission for Feedback	Due: December 12, 2025	NC
Affiliate Final Recording Due	Due: February 20, 2026	\$25.00

Visual Arts [REGISTER HERE](#)

Visual Arts Registrations	Due: October 24, 2025	\$85.00 per student
Qualifying Submission	Due: December 12, 2025	NC
Affiliate Final	Art photos due: February 20, 2026 Onsite presentations: March 21, 2026	\$25.00

Community Projects [REGISTER HERE](#)

Team Registrations	Due: October 24, 2025	\$190.00 per Team
Individual Registrations	Due: October 24, 2025	\$85.00 per Individual
Project Proposal	Due: December 11, 2025	NC
Affiliate Submissions	Due: March 1, 2026	NC
Interviews – Virtually	March 10–12, 2026	NC
Affiliate Display Judging	March 21, 2026 (Onsite)	NC
IC Submissions Due	TBD	Fees - TBD

Please note: There will be a \$20.00 per team or individual fee assessed for each late registration and/or late payment. The due date reflects the date that the check must be in the FPS Office. Teams that have not paid registration and outstanding late fees by the date of competition will not be evaluated and will, therefore, not be eligible to advance to the next level of competition.

Minnesota FPS offers Adult Global Issues and Community Project Team Competitions.

Adult teams may consist of Alumni, Coaches, retired Coaches, Parents, and/or Evaluators.

A Qualifying Problem Global Issues Booklet Submission is required to qualify for Global Issues State Competition. The cost is \$75.00.

Community Project Teams must follow the Community Projects Calendar for Students. The cost is \$75.00 per team.

FPSPI no longer offers any Adult Competitions.

Contact Cheryl at Cheryl@mnfmsp.org for more information and to register.

***** All teams, including the adult teams, are required to compete in the Presentation of Action Plan for the Qualifying Problem and Affiliate Competitions in order for their written work to qualify to advance. This is in alignment with the International Rules. Accommodations cannot be made for other activities.**