

2026–2027 Minnesota Future Problem Solving Calendar and Costs

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District/Community Registration – Annual Fee – Registration Period: September 1–October 9, 2026

Description	Registration Deadline	Fee
Returning Public Schools	October 9, 2026	\$135.00
New Public Schools	October 9, 2026	\$90.00
Parochial/Private Schools	October 9, 2026	\$75.00
Home School Groups, Clubs, Other Community Groups	October 9, 2026	\$50.00

To submit your District / Community Registration, go to: [District / Community Registration Form 2026–27](#)

OR copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/6kswmnvKBPaUuJkCA>

Questions: Email Angela.Denstad@mnfmsp.org

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

October 24, 2026	Live Zoom Board Meeting	Zoom: 9AM–Noon
February 15–20, 2027	Google Docs prior review	Zoom: Feb. 20, 2027, 9–11AM
June 19, 2027	Annual Reorganization Meeting	Zoom: 9AM–Noon

Workshops

Adult/mentor training available as needed upon request. Contact [Angela Denstad](#) to schedule.

Event	Training Hours	Fees
New Coach Training: 6-Step Process	12	\$200.00
Community Projects Coach Training	6	\$125.00
Community Projects Student Training	6	\$25.00 per Student
Community Projects Parent Training	6	\$15.00 per Parent
Storytelling Coach Training	2	\$95.00
Creative Writing Coach Training	2	\$95.00
Evaluator Training	As needed	No charge for evaluators; \$75.00 for coaches

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 for Problems 1, 2, and Qualifying Problem REGISTER HERE	Due: October 16, 2026	\$160.00 per Team \$50.00 per Individual \$50.00 Per AbPS Team
Problem #1 Topic: Digital Dark Ages (Optional, but highly recommended)	Due: October 16, 2026 Due by 5:00 p.m.	Submit Steps 1–3 via Google Docs (No Extra Charge)
Problem #1 Evaluations Released	October 23, 2026	Access Results – via Shared Google Folder
Problem #2 Topic: Disappearing Cultures (Mandatory to be eligible for Qualifying Problem)	Due: November 19, 2026	Submit All Steps via Google Docs (No Extra Charge)
Problem #2 Evaluation	November 20–21, 2026	Virtually via Google Docs
Problem #2 Evaluation Results Released	November 24, 2026	Access Results – via Shared Google Folder
Qualifying Problem (QP) Registration of Student Names	Due: December 11, 2026	QP Info sent via email
2027 QP Topic: Influencer Marketing	Written Competition Dates: Jan. 8–14, 2027 PAP Recordings Due: Tuesday, January 19 Awards: January 23	Written work done via Google Docs from “home.” Via Google Forms Virtual via YouTube Live
Qualifying Problem Written Evaluation PAP Judging	January 15–16 January 20	Fully Virtual
Qualifying Problem Results Released Access Results via shared Google Folder	January 23, 2027* *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 19	\$175.00 per Team \$50.00 per Individual \$30.00 per MAGIC Competitor
2026–27 State Affiliate Final Topic: Health Security Presentation of Action Plan ONSITE Celebration & PAP Finals	February 26–March 4 Tuesday, March 9 Saturday, March 20	Google Docs Written Work PAP Recordings Due St. Cloud North Junior High

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International Conference Topic: To be announced in March	June 9–13, 2027 \$750 to \$850 per person plus travel.	Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana
Freelance/Non-competitive Evaluations Email Angela.Denstad@mnfbsp.org for info.	Dates as needed.	\$25.00 per evaluation. Ask about quantity rates.

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Creative Writing [REGISTER HERE](#)

Creative Writing Registrations	Due: October 23, 2026	\$85.00 per student
Creative Writing Draft Review - <i>Optional</i>	Submissions Due: December 11, 2026	NC
State Competition Submission	Due: February 19, 2027	NC

Storytelling [REGISTER HERE](#)

Storytelling Registrations	Due: October 23, 2026	\$85.00 per student
Recorded Submission for Feedback	Due: December 11, 2026	NC
Affiliate Final Recording Due	Due: February 19, 2027	\$25.00

Visual Arts [REGISTER HERE](#)

Visual Arts Registrations	Due: October 23, 2026	\$85.00 per student
Qualifying Submission	Due: December 11, 2026	NC
Affiliate Final	Art photos due: February 19, 2027 Onsite presentations: March 20, 2027	\$25.00

Community Projects [REGISTER HERE](#)

Team Registrations	Due: October 23, 2026	\$190.00 per Team
Individual Registrations	Due: October 23, 2026	\$85.00 per Individual
Project Proposal	Due: December 11, 2026	NC
Affiliate Submissions	Due: March 1, 2027	NC
Interviews – Virtually	March 10–12, 2027	NC
Affiliate Display Judging	March 20, 2027 (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. Cost is \$75.00 per team.

FPSPI no longer offers any Adult Competitions.

Contact Angela at Angela.Denstad@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.**