

EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE FOR QUALIFICATION FOR SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

The following are examples of significant performance that would serve to qualify an individual for elevation to Senior Member; in each case, we are assuming that three qualified references were provided:

Case 1. An applicant/nominee has a bachelor's degree and seven additional years of professional experience beyond graduation in an area encompassed by one of IEEE's technical Societies, which meets the requirement of ten years of professional experience. Significant performance can be demonstrated by describing substantial job responsibilities (e.g., team leader, ...) for a period of at least five years. Result: All criteria are satisfied and the applications is approved.

Case 2. Same as Case 1, except that the applicant/nominee worked in industry for one year following graduation with the bachelor's degree and then was a full-time graduate student for two years, obtaining a masters degree. The applicant demonstrates significant performance during another five years in industry. Result: Approved.

Case 3. An applicant/nominee has bachelor, masters, and doctoral degrees in an IEEE-designated field. Five years of significant performance in academia, industry, or government beyond the doctoral degree are demonstrated (e.g., a faculty member with five years beyond the doctorate and promotion to associate professor). Result: Approved.

Case 4. An applicant/nominee has no degree and has worked for many years in the electric industry as a technician. Ten years ago, he accepted an engineering level position and continued with it since that time. Included was a period of at least five years with demonstrated significant performance. Result: Approved.

Case 5. An applicant/nominee retired some years ago and has not been active recently in the profession. Prior to retirement, the applicant/nominee had at least ten years of professional experience, including five years of significant performance. Result: Approved.



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SENIOR MEMBER PROGRAM



IEEE SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

The IEEE affords all members the opportunity to elevate their IEEE membership grade to Senior Member. This is the highest IEEE grade for which an individual can apply and is the first step to becoming a Fellow of IEEE. If you have been in professional practice for 10 years, you may be eligible for Senior Membership. Just so you are aware, one's educational history is counted towards this 10 year requirement (e.g., 3 years for BS, etc.).

New Senior Members receive a wood and bronze plaque and a credit certificate for up to US\$25 for a new IEEE society membership. Upon request, the IEEE Admission and Advancement Department will send a letter to your employer (supervisor or whomever you designate) recognizing this new status as well.

EDS SENIOR MEMBER PROGRAM

The Electron Devices Society now has a new program whereby your local EDS chapter can also benefit from your successful elevation to Senior Member. All that is required is for you to indicate on your Senior Member application form that EDS is your nominating entity. Actually, there is a line on the application form that specifically requests the Nominator's Section or Society, so please just enter 'EDS'.

If you are approved for elevation to Senior Member, then your local EDS chapter will receive US\$25 from EDS within approximately six to eight months of your elevation. In addition, as a result of indicating EDS as your nominating entity, EDS will also receive US\$10 from the IEEE as part of the IEEE's Nominate-a-Senior-Member Initiative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING QUALIFICATION FOR SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

Please visit http://www.ieee.org/membership/grades_cats.html#SENIORMEM

TO APPLY FOR SENIOR MEMBER GRADE

Please complete an application for which is available at <http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/md/smelev.htm>. You can also request a hard copy Senior Member packet by mail or fax as follows:

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We strongly encourage you to apply for IEEE Senior Membership to enhance your career. At the same time, you will be helping your local EDS chapter.

To take full advantage of this opportunity, please be certain to indicate EDS as the nominating entity on your application form.

Thank you for supporting IEEE and EDS.



CRITERIA FOR ELEVATION TO SENIOR MEMBER GRADE

IEEE Bylaw I-105.3 sets forth the criteria for elevation to Senior Member Grade, as follows:

A candidate shall be an engineer, scientist, educator, technical executive or originator in IEEE-designated fields. The candidate shall have been in professional practice for at least ten years and shall have shown significant performance over a period of at least five of those years.

In order to qualify for Senior Member status, an individual must also provide three references from IEEE members holding Senior Member, Fellow or Honorary Member grade. Your professional colleagues are your best source of these references. If you have difficulty in locating Senior Members or Fellows to serve as references, please contact your local Section or Chapter for assistance. To clarify these criteria, the following explanations may be helpful:

IEEE-designated fields: These fields of endeavor are defined by the areas of technical interest included in the 40 technical Societies/Councils that are part of IEEE. A list of IEEE technical Societies/Councils may be found at www.ieee.org/society.

Ten years of professional practice: The A&A Committee evaluating your application will count the years you have been in professional practice. Your educational experience is credited toward that time as follows: 3 years for a baccalaureate degree in an IEEE-designated field; 4 years if you hold a baccalaureate and masters degree; and five years if you hold a doctorate.

Five years of significant performance: Many prospective applicants make the mistake of assuming that "significant performance" requires special awards, patents or other extremely sophisticated technical accomplishments; such is not the case. Substantial job responsibilities such as team leader, task supervisor, engineer in charge of a program or project, engineer or scientist performing research with some measure of success (papers), or faculty developing and teaching courses with research and publications, all are indications of significant performance.