

How to Become IEEE Senior Member?

A Short Practical Guide

1. Introduction

IEEE Senior Membership is an important recognition of the professional development of an IEEE member. It is the highest grade for which the IEEE member can apply. In this short and practical guide, you will find step-by-step instructions describing how to proceed with the process of applying for the IEEE Senior Membership grade. This Guide follows the IEEE policy described in the IEEE Senior Member Program <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/index.html>

2. What Do You need to Know Before Starting the Application Process

- Of course, you need to be an IEEE Member, with 10 years or more experience, and have demonstrated professional maturity and accomplishment in your professional activity. You can be an engineer, scientist, educator, or technical executive.
- No additional fee is associated with the application
- Make sure that your myIEEE account is active; if not go to <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/home/index.html>
- Senior Membership is respected recognition of your achievements among your colleagues, IEEE members, and engineering/scientific communities generally. Senior members are eligible to hold executive IEEE volunteer positions.
- Remember that IEEE is the World's Largest Technical Professional Association
- Application for Senior Membership is a good time to reflect back on your professional career and set new goals. It is also a good reason to organize your records of professional activities and refresh your professional contacts, since you need them for your application as references.
- More detailed specification of the requirements for Senior Member Grade can be found at <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/requirements.html>

3. Getting Started and How to Proceed

Important checklist:

- a) Get ready to provide your References
- b) Agree as to who will be your Nominator
- c) Prepare the Application Form

References must be current IEEE members holding Senior Member, Fellow or Honorary Member grade. It is a good idea to start the search with your professional

colleagues. You can also contact your Section or Chapter Chair for assistance in finding qualified references. For more advice on how to identify references go to <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/requirements.html>

Overall, the steps below outline the recommended Senior Member application process. Click each step to learn more.

1. [Review requirements/qualifications](#)
2. [Determine application deadline](#)
3. [Prepare first draft of application](#)
4. [Contact qualifying references](#)
5. [Complete online application/nomination form](#)
6. [Submit resume or curriculum vitae](#)
7. [Track status of application and references online](#)
8. [Await notification of results](#)

4. Completing the Senior Members Application Form

The Application Form is straightforward; however it takes a bit time to fill it in totally. See the form at

<http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/application.html>

5. Senior Member Reference Form

Remember, the IEEE Senior member Application Review Panel members evaluating Senior Member applications rely heavily on the endorsement and comments provided by references. Talk with the Reference person and make sure that he/she has your résumé or a CV. Just in case, if you want to see the Reference Form, it can be found at <http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/reference.html>

6. Nomination Process

The Nominator should fill the Nomination portion of your Application and send it back to you. Then you can complete the Application and submit it.

7. Checking the Status of the Senior Member Application

You can check the status of your application at.

<http://www.ieee.org/web/membership/senior-members/status.html>

It is not an online report, and each time a status file should be downloaded. The results of an A&A Panel Meeting are generally published within two weeks after the meeting. View [Newly Elevated Senior Members](#).