

## IEEE Senior Membership: Are You In?

If you have been involved in the electronics packaging field for 10 years or more, chances are that you probably already have the necessary qualifications to be an IEEE Senior Member. Senior membership is the highest IEEE membership grade that can be applied for and is a recognition of sustained and significant performance in an IEEE-designated field. Individuals who are IEEE members can apply themselves for elevation to Senior Member or they can be nominated by others. Since a member can be nominated by someone else for Senior Membership, Society Chapters can play an important role in helping to identify and support applications for elevation. Nominating individuals in our Chapters is a great way to recognize their professional achievements and foster deeper personal and professional relationships with our peers. Individual members shouldn't hesitate to apply for Senior Member elevation on their own as well, and call upon their IEEE colleagues for support for their application. The requirements for Senior Member eligibility are very straightforward:

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

As a member of EPS, the IEEE-designated field criteria will generally have been met. The criteria for ten years of professional practice can also take into account some portion of your educational experience as well as time spent in one's job or career, so a ten-year employment record isn't necessarily required. The final criteria of demonstrating significant performance over at least five of those ten years can be met in many different ways, including technical work, managerial responsibility, and publications to name a few. IEEE provides detailed information on the requirements for Senior Member grade at <https://www.ieee.org/membership/senior/senior-requirements.html>, along with sample cases that can be helpful for comparison to your own professional experiences.

Individuals applying for or nominating someone for Senior Member elevation can find additional information on the IEEE website at <https://www.ieee.org/membership/grade-elevation.html> and clicking on the Senior Member Grade link found there. Candidates applying for Senior Membership will need to supply three references from current IEEE members who are Fellows, Senior Members, or Honorary Members, and this is where EPS colleagues can support one another. Members of EPS chapters already have a group of local contacts that can help with nomination and reference support, simplifying and streamlining the process. Prospective applicants can find potential references through IEEE Collabratec via a [link](#) at the top of the EPS Membership page. There is also a link to the general Collabratec page on the [MGA Senior Member Requirements page](#).

IEEE Senior Membership is a way for the Society to recognize the dedication and achievements of our members as well as a way to support our colleagues. If you have any questions about the Senior Membership application process or requirements, please don't hesitate to reach out to your local chapter or to us here at EPS for assistance.

Thanks

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