



SENIOR MEMBER GRADE REFERENCE FORM

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Applicant's Name:	
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Applicant's Member # (if known):	
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A. Do you know the candidate professionally? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
▪ If YES, how many years have you known the candidate? (years) What is your professional relationship to the candidate?
▪ If NO, how did you become familiar with the professional background of the candidate?

B. Has the candidate been in active professional practice for at least 10 years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How many years has the candidate been in active professional practice? (# of years)

C. In your own words, explain how the candidate has **significantly** performed his/her professional duties for at least five years. (See Page 2 for examples of **significant performance**.)

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D. Please indicate whether you consider the candidate to be:	Well-qualified
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE IEEE MEMBER SERVING AS REFERENCE:			
My Name:		Member #: (<i>required</i>)	
My IEEE Membership Grade:			
My Email address:		Date:	

**EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE
TO QUALIFY FOR ELEVATION TO IEEE SENIOR MEMBER GRADE
(at least 5 years)**

Five years of significant performance:

- Team leader, task supervisor, program manager or project leader
- Performing research with some measure of success
- Developing and teaching courses with research and publications
- Substantial design, development or project responsibility, or achievement
- Recognized contributions to the welfare of technical professions
- Contributions in such areas as technical editing, patent prosecution or patent law,
provided these contributions serve to advance progress substantially in IEEE designated
fields
- Professional awards and licenses may be considered

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.

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 baccalaureate and masters degrees; and five years for a doctorate.