STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The IEEE Communications Society provides a limited number of travel grants to help its worldwide members with traveling expenses to attend major conferences of the Society. Five major conferences are currently covered each year by this program: ICC, GLOBECOM, INFOCOM, WCNC, NOMS/IM [an alternate year conference].

In this program, the world is divided into four major Regions:

(1) North America [Regions 1-6 for USA and Region 7 for Canada],

(2) Europe, Africa and the Middle East [Region 8],

(3) Latin America [Region 9]; and

(4) Asia Pacific [Region 10].

Recipients of the grants must reside in a Major Region other than the one in which the conference is held.

1. Student Travel Grants

This grant consists of US$800. To receive the grant the recipient must be the author of an accepted paper in the conference, and actually attend the conference and present the paper. The candidate must be a student member of IEEE or must have applied for student membership, and must also be a full-time student regularly registered toward a degree in related fields in a university. The acceptance ratio varies depending on the number of applications for a particular conference.

Applications should be submitted by the students, or their advisors, to the Regional Representatives for the Major Region in which the applicants reside. The names, addresses and other information for the representatives are printed on the application forms and call for papers of the conference. The application forms will be included in the authors' kits for accepted papers. The deadline for the Regional Representatives to receive the applications is three months before the day the conference is scheduled to start. The selection of the recipients is primarily on the review scores of the papers by the conference. The decisions on how many grants to award and the final decision on which students should receive the awards is also made by the Vice President for International Affairs of the Society.

2. Grants Within the Same Major Region.

Starting with GLOBECOM '96, special exceptional cases with very restricted conditions are also allowed for students to receive grants to attend major conferences held within the same major Region. In this case, the grant is US$500. Examples of special conditions to be considered are:

(i) A very high paper review score, or recommendation by the Technical Program Committee Chair, or author of more than one paper.

(ii) Minimum air fare to attend the conference is very high (for example, the air fare Turkey to London, Australia to Tokyo, etc.), as verified by the Regional representative.

(iii) A letter signed by the advisor or another officer of the university indicating that there is no way for the student to obtain travel support locally.

(iv) The cost of this part of the grant program is not to exceed 15% of the total student travel grant budget allocated to each specific conference.