Consider Giving to the IEEE-USA Funds
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This year I turned 65. I have been an IEEE member for 42 years, so I met the criteria for becoming a life member of the IEEE (age after 65 + years as a member >100). As a consequence, my 2021 IEEE dues were a lot less than in prior years. That helped a bit financially this year since business has been down for me, mostly because of the Covid-19 travel and meeting restrictions. But I wanted to support IEEE and in particular IEEE-USA and its mission of government advocacy and career and member services for IEEE members in the US.

So, I made a donation to the IEEE-USA IEEE Foundation general Fund, equal to roughly what I would have ordinarily paid for IEEE-USA with my IEEE membership. IEEE-USA has three IEEE Foundation accounts that you can contribute to: a general account, an account to support IEEE-USA awards and one to support the MOVE truck. Here is what the IEEE-USA donation page looks like. You can select one of the three funds to donate to by scrolling down the "designation" choice bar.

You can find out more about the IEEE-USA Fund here: https://ieeeusa.org/giving-opportunities/   **The IEEE-USA Fund (the general fund)** supports special projects

conducted by IEEE-USA to enhance the careers of IEEE U.S. members, improve K-12 science, technology, engineering and math education, and promote public awareness of the profession. Examples of how donated funds have been used include:

- Celebrating the engineering profession and its contributions to society through support for National Engineers Week programs and activities like the Future City Competition and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
- Supporting IEEE participation in Mass Media Fellowships
- Supporting K-12 STEM Literacy Programs and outreach
- Supporting the development of member products and services like the IEEE-USA Salary Service and online Consultants Directory

The IEEE-USA Awards Fund supports the annual IEEE-USA Awards and Recognition, which recognize professional leadership, public service, technical achievement and literary/journalistic contributions to the advancement of engineering. IEEE-USA also welcomes inquires related to targeted funding support for specific IEEE-USA Awards and Recognition.

The IEEE-USA MOVE Community Outreach Fund helps support the MOVE Community Outreach project and in particular the MOVE emergency deployments and K-12 STEM public outreach, including the costs of operating and maintaining the MOVE vehicle and upgrading its capabilities.

So if you are a life member, or even if you aren't, consider donating to support IEEE and IEEE-USA activities. IEEE members do make a difference!