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#### APPLICATION MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT TO

OSA/MRS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow Program, c/o MRS, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086

The deadline for applications is **December 8, 1997**

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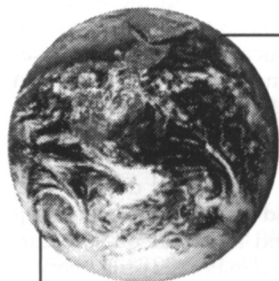
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