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# Achieving your DTM

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# Goals for this Session

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- Understand the significance of earning your DTM Award
- Understand the qualifications for earning your DTM Award
- Understand the strategy to earning your DTM Award

# The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Award

## **Pinnacle**

Highest recognition a  
Toastmaster can receive

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## **Significance**

Signifies a mastery of  
communication skills and  
showcases leadership  
capabilities

Credit: Jef A. Menguin

# Benefits of the DTM Award

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## Personal Growth

Challenges individuals to step outside their comfort zone repeatedly, leading to personal and professional growth

## Leadership Skills

Prepares individuals for leadership challenges in all aspects of life

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## Networking

Connects individuals with Toastmasters from different backgrounds and experiences

## Recognition

Garners respect and recognition within the Toastmasters community and in professional and personal circles

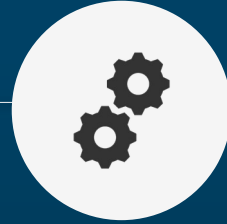
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# 6 DTM Qualifications



## Pathways

Complete two learning paths



## Club Officer

Serve as a Club Officer for one-year, participate in the preparation of the Club Success Plan, and participate in District-sponsored Club Officer Training



## District Leader

Serve as a District Officer for one-year

# 6 DTM Qualifications



## Club Mentor or Coach

Serve successfully as a Club Mentor or a Club Coach



## Club Sponsor, YLP, or Speechcraft

Serve successfully as a Club Sponsor or conduct a Youth Leadership Program or a Speechcraft



## DTM Project

Create and implement a project of your own design; demonstrate skills and expertise gained

# Complete Two Learning Paths

## Paths and Projects



Dynamic Leadership



Engaging Humor



Motivational Strategies



Persuasive Influence



Presentation Mastery



Visionary Communication

# Complete Two Learning Paths

## Legacy Paths



Effective Coaching



Innovative Planning



Leadership Development



Strategic Relationships



Team Collaboration



# Club Officer

- Serve as a Club Officer for two six-month terms or one annual term
- Participate in the preparation of a Club Success Plan
- Participate in District-sponsored Club Officer Training

From Club Central

## Club Management



Club Contact and Meeting Information

Update club contact/meeting information



Club Success Plan

Share club success plans to enhance the quality of member clubs.

### Club Success Plan: Contributing Members



Who Contributed to this Program Year CSP?

Select the members below who are participating in this CSP.

In alphabetical order by first name, the current term's officers are listed at the top, followed by additional members of the club.

### Contributing Members

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Rhonda D. Walthall

# **District Leader**

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Complete one-year term as a District leader

## **Appointed Positions**

- Area Director
- Finance Manager
- Public Relations Manager
- Administrative Manager

## **Elected Positions**

- Division Director
- Club Growth Director
- Program Quality Director
- District Director

**Nominations are now open for 2025-2026 District leadership positions**

# Option 1: Club Mentor

Serve **successfully** as a Club Mentor or Club Coach

## Club Mentor

- Appointed by District Director or Club Growth Director (max two per club)
- Serve 6 months as a Club Mentor to a new club
  - Attend meetings, provide insights, train officers, grow the club membership
- Term starts after the new club charters
- Term ends after 6 months with approval of Club President



# Option 2: Club Coach

Serve **successfully** as a Club Mentor or Coach



## Club Coach Eligibility

- Appointed by the District Director or Club Growth Director (max two per club)
- Club Coach Criteria:
  - Active member of Toastmasters for at least one year
  - Cannot be a current member of the club or a past member within last six months
  - Can only coach one club at a time
  - Completed at least a Pathways Level 2, ACB, or ALB
  - Served as a Club Officer for one year
  - Completed the Club Coach training module
  - May be reappointed at the end of the two-year term for an additional two years

## Club Eligibility

- Club has at least three paid members but not more than 12
- Club must not be suspended or closed
- Club Officers completed Club Coach training module
- **Successful** Club Coach Criteria:
  - Serve as a Club Coach for at least six months
  - Club achieves Distinguished Club status
  - *Optional: Club has at least 20 paid members on their roster to get credit towards District leadership*
  - Term ends after two years after achieving the above success criteria and with the approval of the Club President

# Option 1: Club Sponsor

Serve **successfully** as a Club Sponsor or Conduct a Youth Leadership program or a Speechcraft

## Club Sponsor

- Appointed by the District Director or Club Growth Director (max two per club)
- Help new club lead to reach charter strength (minimum 20 members)
- Assist with completion of application forms
- Participate in initial meetings
- Plan charter ceremony

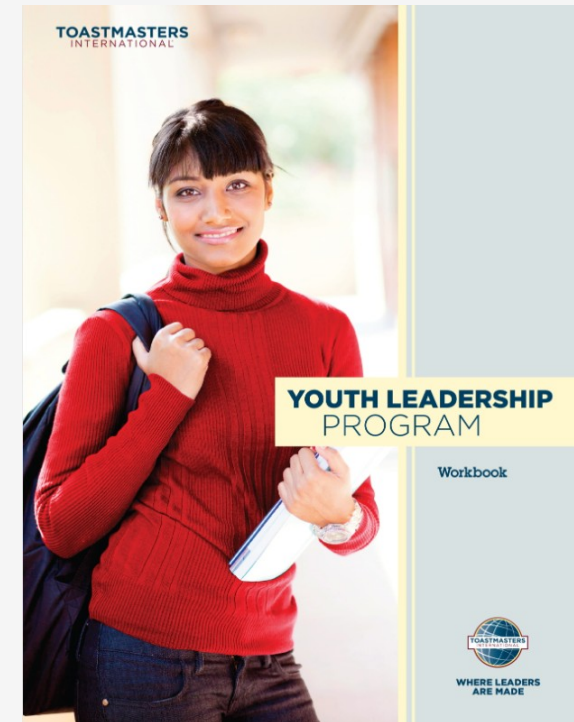


# Option 2: Youth Leadership Program

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## Youth Leadership Program

- Conduct a workshop for eight one-to-two hour sessions for kids between the ages of 14 and 18
- Typically sponsored by a club or a school
- Limited to 25 students
- Meetings resemble a Toastmasters meeting





# Option 3: Speechcraft

Serve **successfully** as a Club Sponsor or Conduct a Youth Leadership program or a Speechcraft

## Speechcraft

- Conduct a workshop for eight sessions for participants who are not Toastmasters
- Usually sponsored by a club
- Participants deliver 5 speeches



# DTM Project

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Create and implement a project of your own design and demonstrate skills and expertise gained

## Requirements

- Must complete one Path and Levels 1, 2, and 3 in a second unique Path
- Submit project request to TI
- Create a project that benefits an organization
- Form a team and lead through project completion
- Deliver two speeches







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# Enjoy the Journey to DTM!

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