



# STEPS TO ACHIEVING DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER

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# What you need To Know About Being DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER

- ▶ First DTM stands for Distinguished Toastmaster
- ▶ Less 1% Toastmasters ever achieve their Distinguished Toastmaster award.
- ▶ Achieving your DTM award is the highlight of Toastmaster journey.
- ▶ You will be considered a leader among your Toastmaster peers.
- ▶ Personal and Professional Development Growth



# Step One Achieving DTM

- ▶ You must complete two Paths as requirement to get your DTM
- ▶ 16 speeches in pathway
- ▶ 32 speeches total
- ▶ 2 ½ years it will take you to complete if you give a speech once a month
- ▶ There is no timeline finishing your DTM award.



# Step Two Achieving DTM

- ▶ Serve as a club officer for two six-month terms or one annual term, participate in the preparation of a Club Success Plan, and participate in a District-sponsored Club Officer Training.
- ▶ Every Toastmaster should be officer at least once.
- ▶ District-sponsored Club Officer Training- TLI- Every officer should attend TLI.



# Step Three Achieving DTM

- Serve one as District Leader
- Area Director
- Division Director
- Public Relations Manager
- Administration Manager
- Finance Manager.
- Club Growth Director
- Program Quality Director
- District Director



# Step Four Achieving DTM

Serve successfully as a club mentor or coach.

Mentor

- ▶ Be a member for a minimum of six months
- ▶ Have completed mentor training
- ▶ Have expertise in the area in which the protégé wants to grow
- ▶ Attend club meetings regularly.

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# Step Four Achieving DTM

## Club Coach

- ▶ You must have completed at least two levels in your path in the Pathways learning experience, or have achieved an Advanced Communicator Bronze or Advanced Leader Bronze in the traditional education program.
- ▶ You can't be a member of the club you coach, or have been a member of that club in the previous six months.
- ▶ You must have served as a club officer for at least a one-year term (or two six-month terms).
- ▶ You can only coach one club at a time




# Step Fifth Achieving DTM

- ▶ Serve successfully as a club sponsor or conduct a [Speechcraft](#) or [Youth Leadership program](#).
- ▶ Club Sponsor
- ▶ A sponsor **helps start a new club**. Each new club may have up to two sponsors. The sponsor is responsible for organizing the new club, including selling the new club idea to prospective members; helping to set up regular meetings, completing paperwork, and planning the charter presentation.
- ▶ Speechcraft
- ▶ The **Speechcraft** program exposes each participant to a wide range of communication and learning experiences. Each participant receives a professionally published Toastmaster International Speechcrafter Manual plus a range of learning materials. Participants prepare and present speeches in a relaxed atmosphere. Speeches are designed with the novice in mind – you do not need any experience!





# Step Five Achieving DTM

- ▶ Youth Leadership Program
  - ▶ Evaluate their own speaking ability
  - ▶ Prepare and deliver speeches
  - ▶ Give impromptu talks
  - ▶ Control their voice, vocabulary, and gestures
  - ▶ Give constructive feedback and more
  - ▶ Youth Leadership Program should 8 weeks
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# Step Six Achieving DTM

- ▶ Complete the DTM project. (Members are required to create and implement a project of their own design, in which they demonstrate the skills and expertise they have gained.) Members can receive access to the DTM project on Base Camp once they have completed one path and Levels 1, 2, and 3 in a second, unique path. To receive this project, email [educationprogram@toastmasters.org](mailto:educationprogram@toastmasters.org).