

TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR

Purpose of the Award:

To honor the individual Toastmaster whose dedication, commitment, and effort have made a significant contribution toward achieving the mission of Toastmasters International, through participation at the club level.

This award is specifically intended to honor the Toastmaster for service at the club level, which serves to strengthen both the club and the individual Toastmaster. This award is not intended to honor an individual for efforts made at the Council level, because there are other awards specifically for efforts at that level.

Criteria on Which the Award is Given:

Points, as designated in the “YACT Official Form for Toastmaster-of-the-Year”, are earned for accomplishments in each of the categories and some additional points, up to a maximum of fifteen, are given by the club to which the nominee belongs for their subjective analysis in other areas.

Who is Eligible To Compete for the Award:

Any member in good standing (has paid current dues) of a club in good standing (has paid current dues to both Toastmasters International and YACT) is eligible to compete for this award.

Should an individual be a member in good standing of more than one club in good standing, the individual is eligible for the award in each club to which he/she belongs. Should the individual win the awards at more than one club to which he/she belongs, that individual may be the nominee of each of the clubs for the YACT award.

Procedures:

1. During the year; i.e., July 1 through June 30, each club should track each of its members' achievements on the criteria listed on the form. The club officer responsible for tracking the points should assure that accurate and complete records are kept for each club member.
2. As soon as possible after June 30 of each year, each club should tally the points earned by each of its members on the criteria listed on the form.
3. The member of each club who earns the most points based on the criteria should be awarded the club's Toastmaster-of-the-Year Award.
4. The club's president should submit his/her club's Toastmaster-of-the-Year nomination to YACT for consideration of YACT's Toastmaster-of-the-Year for that year. This nomination should be made on the nomination form showing the total number of points earned by the nominee in each category, with a total. The club may also include a written narrative if it chooses.
5. As soon as possible after June 30 of the year, the clubs' nominations should be mailed or delivered to the then Immediate Past Governor (IPG) YACT or to the IPG's designee.

6. In order to be considered, clubs' nominations must be in the hands of the IPG or the IPG's designee no later than June 30. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.
7. The IPG or the IPG's designee will review the nominations. The IPG or the IPG's designee may serve as the review committee; or he/she may establish an ad hoc committee, which he/she will chair, to assist with the review. If the committee needs additional information about any nomination, or verification of any of the points claimed, they will contact the nominee and the appropriate club president for this.
8. The award will be given to the individual Toastmaster who has earned the most points on the criteria listed on the nomination form. No subjective analysis will be done by the review committee.
9. The committee chair will provide the name of the winner to the YACT Governor for presentation of the award at the Fall Conference.
10. The committee chair will retain the nomination forms for a period of at least 30 days after the award has been made and will make these available for inspection to any interested YACT member upon that individual's request.

Application Form:

The nomination form is the "YACT Official Form for Toastmaster-of-the-Year", a copy of which is included herein.

When the Award is Given:

The award will be given at the Fall Conference.

Form the Award Takes:

A "District Toastmaster of the Year plaque, purchase from Toastmasters International, and appropriately engraved with the winner's name, the year of the award, and other pertinent information will be presented to the winner.

The winner's name will also be engraved, with the appropriate year, on YACT's traveling Toastmaster-of-the-Year plaque. This will be presented to the winner, who will keep it until just prior to the next Fall Conference, at which time he/she will return it to the YACT Governor or the YACT Governor's designee for presentation to the next winner.