

SPEAKERS EDGE TOASTMASTER'S AWARD POLICY

Speakers Edge Toastmasters will present four awards this year.

- i. Rookie of the Year
- ii. Toastmaster of the Year
- iii. Spirit Award (Club level only.)
- iv. Mentor Award (Club level only.)

AWARD COMMITTEE

- 1) The President shall appoint the Award Chair.
- 2) The Committee shall consist of a Chair and 2 members.
- 3) All committee members must be members in good standing of Speakers Edge Toastmasters.

AWARD DEADLINES

- 1) All awards must be decided upon by the middle of May.
- 2) "Of the Year" Award forms are due at District Level by the end of May.

AWARD PROCESS

- 1) Award Chair/Club President will hand out Award Criteria to all members of Speakers Edge Toastmasters in September. New members shall receive information as they join.
 - Award Chair/Club President will encourage members to keep a record of their activities.
- 2) Award Chair will review criteria and announce the following:
 - Nomination Day
 - Voting Day
 - List of all members. List shall indicate who is eligible for Rookie of the Year and the Mentor Award.
 - Awards Day
- 3) Nomination day
 - All members will nominate (names only) people for the award categories via secret ballot. Members may nominate via email only until Nomination Day.
- 4) Award Committee will review nominations and ensure criteria are met. Categories and eligible names will be compiled into ballot form.
 - If any Committee member has been nominated for an award, he/she may not count ballots and another person may be appointed on their behalf.
 - In case of a tie, the Club President may cast the deciding vote.
- 5) Voting Day
 - All members will vote via secret ballot using ballots created by Award Committee.
- 6) Club level winners of "Rookie of the Year" and "Toastmaster of the Year" will be asked by Award Committee for detailed information to complete District Forms. The Award Committee will submit the forms to the District.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. Rookie of the Year

- 1) A rookie is a member who has belonged to of Speakers Edge Toastmasters for 18 months or less from the club's year end (June 30th) and is member in good standing.
- 2) The winner of this award will go on to compete at Area and District Levels.
- 3) The following criteria should be considered (will be rated at the Area and District level):
 - i. Human Factors
 - Enthusiasm for fellow members, Club and Toastmasters;

- Dedication in readily and enthusiastically accepts all assignments and willing contributes to Club's well-being;
 - Helping Others in an obvious way, recognized achievements of others, foster continued improvement and builds self-esteem; and,
 - Improvement in an obvious way, shows improvement in Toastmasters skills.
- ii. Action at Club Level
- Attendance;
 - Manual Speeches given;
 - Brings non-Toastmasters as guests;
 - Sponsored a new member;
 - Participates in Club Speech Contests;
 - Served as a Club Officer or Newsletter/Media Editor; and,
 - Reliable Member; Achieves CC, ACB, ACS, ACG, CL, ALB, ALS.
- iii. Action at Area, Division and Above
- Visits other Toastmasters Clubs;
 - Contestant in Area, Division, or District speech contest;
 - Attends Area, Division, District, or International Training Events.

2. Toastmaster of the Year

- 1) Nominees must be members of Speakers Edge Toastmasters and must be in good standing.
- 2) The winner of this award will go on to compete at Area and District Levels.
- 3) The following suggested checklist categories should be considered (Checklist and supplemental summary will be used at the Area and District level. A complete list can be found at http://d42tm.org/?wpfb_dl=483)
 - i. Membership Building and Retention
 - ii. Education and Training
 - iii. Public Relations
 - iv. Commitment and Support

3. Spirit Award (Club level only.)

- 1) This award will be given to a member of Speakers Edge Toastmasters in good standing who embodies the spirit and values of Toastmasters and may also include the following criteria:
 - Integrity
 - Service
 - Excellence
 - Commitment
 - Leadership
 - Dedication
 - Enthusiasm
 - Willingness to Help Others
 - Respect

4. Mentor Award (Club Level only.)

- 1) This award will be given to a member of Speakers Edge Toastmasters in good standing and who is involved in the Mentorship Program.
- 2) The Mentor supports, encourages and promotes his/her Mentee's progress and development in Toastmasters.