The Benefits of

Toastmasters Membership

Build a Better You

Are you looking for a fun way to improve your communication and build skills to help in your career? Toastmasters allows you to engage with people who share similar interests to you in a supportive and comfortable setting. Here's just a few of the many benefits you'll see as a Toastmaster.



Improve your public speaking skills



Gain self-confidence and self-awareness



Practice writing speeches and presenting in a group setting



Gain a competitive advantage in the workplace



Enjoy unlimited personal growth



Maximize your potential



Build leadership skills



Work on networking in a small and supportive environment



Receive regular and constructive feedback from peers with similar interests as you



Access to the Pathways learning experience, which is an education program that allows you to leverage over 300 practical workplace skills, including:

- » Interview preparation
- » Online meeting management
- » Leadership development
- » Project management
- » Conflict resolution

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization's membership exceeds 357,000 in more than 16,600 clubs across 143 countries. Members pay international dues of \$45 USD every six months, plus a new member fee of \$20 USD. With Toastmasters, the learning never stops. To learn more, visit www.toastmasters.org/About-Us.



Visit a club today!

Are you ready to practice public speaking, improve your communication and build leadership skills? Visit www.toastmasters.org/Find and find a club near you. Each club has a unique culture, so visit a few and find the one that fits you the best. When you find a match, speak with the vice president membership and ask for a membership application.

What members are saying

All About **Toastmasters**

Creating leaders and improving communication since 1924



Local club information:



Toastmasters has changed my life for the better. It helped me find my voice. . . . a more confident me."

—Maria Martinez Learning Facilitator - Center for Behavioral Excellence Wipro



We all know how important communication is in business and in life and how daunting it can be to many; Toastmasters' program develops confidence in people to effectively communicate."

—Mike Fasulo President and Chief Operating Officer Sony Electronics Inc.



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What's in it for you?

Improved communication

Toastmasters will give you the skills and confidence you need to effectively express yourself in any situation. Whether you are a mature manager, student, young professional, career advancer or looking to make an impact in your community, Toastmasters is the most efficient, supportive, enjoyable and affordable way of gaining great communication skills. You'll improve your interpersonal communication and be more persuasive and confident when giving speeches.

Build leadership skills

While some are born confident, charismatic leaders, others must work to develop their leadership skills. Through Toastmasters, you'll gain the practice to become the leader and speaker you want to be. You will also sharpen your management skills, become a better negotiator, gain trust and inspire your team. Learn to be decisive!



Build a Better You!

With Toastmasters, you will:



Improve public speaking skills



Build leadership skills



Practice writing speeches and presenting in a group setting



Gain a competitive advantage in the workplace



Networking opportunities in a small and supportive environment



Build selfconfidence and self-awareness



Allows for unlimited personal growth



Ability to maximize your potential

How Toastmasters works

At Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. A typical Toastmasters club is made up of approximately 20 people who meet once a week for about an hour. Each meeting gives members several opportunities:

- Conduct meetings Members learn how to plan and conduct meetings.
- Give impromptu speeches Members present one- to two-minute, impromptu speeches about assigned topics.
- Present prepared speeches
 Members present speeches based on
 projects from the Pathways learning
 experience—Toastmasters' education
 program. Projects cover topics such as
 speech organization, vocal variety, language,
 gestures and persuasion.
- » Offer constructive evaluation Every speaker is assigned an evaluator who points out speech strengths and offers suggestions for improvement.
- Pathways Learning Experience Pathways is Toastmasters' exciting, interactive and flexible education program. With 11 paths to choose from (and more in development), you have the option to pick which skills you want to focus on.

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Navigating Pathways



Reach your personal and professional goals through Pathways, Toastmasters' education program. Build the real-world skills you're looking for with a user-friendly online learning experience you can customize to fit your needs.

Five Core Competencies

Public Speaking Interpersonal Communication

Strategic Leadership

Management

Confidence

There are more than 300 unique sub-competencies in Pathways that build on the five above.

11 Specialized Learning Paths

After taking an online assessment, you will be guided to the ideal path, based on your current goals.

There are at least 14 projects in each path.



Dynamic Leadership



Effective Coaching



Engaging Humor



Innovative Planning



Leadership Development



Motivational Strategies



Persuasive Influence



Presentation Mastery



Strategic Relationships



Team Collaboration



Visionary Communication

What members like most about Pathways:

UTILIZES TECHNOLOGY

SKILL-SHARPENING ASPECT SELF-ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY

EXTRA RESOURCES VARIETY OF PATHS PERSONALIZATION

ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ADVANCEMENT

CURRICULUM FLEXIBILITY

ONLINE FEATURE

ANY-TIME ACCESSIBILIT

INDIVIDUALIZED PATHS

ADDITIONAL LEARNING TOPICS

How people are using Pathways:



Through Presentation Mastery, Cate was inspired to create short stories to get her community messages across in an interesting and memorable way.



"What we do is very technical, very complicated and for most people, very boring; I would often see them glaze over when I was talking...I'm so grateful for Pathways."

—Cate Arnold City Councilor Beaverton, Oregon



After completing the Strategic Relationships path, James is much more comfortable in groups—talking to people, shaking hands and connecting.

"I needed to face this fear to try and connect better with people...it has really been a transformation."

—James Wantz CAD Draftsman Willamette Mfg. & Supply Co., Inc.



When given the challenge and opportunity to move from India to the U.S., Kaushik looked to Pathways to create a bigger impact amongst native English speakers and to run work groups in a new environment.

"Pathways offered me the opportunity to continue learning and stay hungry."

—Kaushik Balasubramanian Technical Lead Intel Corporation

Adrian used Pathways to enhance her career.

"The training has made me more focused and disciplined at work and improved my interaction with colleagues."

—Adrian Jefferson Chofor Marketing Operations Consultant Kaiser Permanente

How will Pathways transform you?

Enroll today and start your journey! www.toastmasters/Pathways

FEATURES, BENEFITS AND VALUE



Features	Benefits	Value to the Individual	Value to the Organization
► A self-paced program	▶ Flexibility	Unlimited personal growth	► Employee goal achievement
Speech writing and presenting	Critical thinkingEffective presentation delivery	Clear communicationConfidence	Effective employee communicationBetter leaders
Weekly interactive meetings	Ongoing experienceOvercoming fears	► Skill reinforcement	Improved moraleEnhanced performance
▶ Table Topics®	▶ Thinking quickly	▶ Self-confidence	Better customer communication
▶ Evaluations	Keen listening skillsConstructive feedback	Increased self-awarenessPositive mentoring	► More productive teams
Participation in meeting roles	▶ Ease in front of a group	Improved leadership skills	▶ Effective meetings
Opportunity to conduct meetings	Time management skillsSelf-confidence and poise	▶ Effectively lead meetings	▶ Increased productivity
▶ Small groups	A supportive environmentA positive atmosphere	▶ Relationship-building	Better teamworkImproved retention
▶ Opportunity to fulfill officer roles	 Leadership development opportunities 	Leadership growthCareer advancement	▶ Better leaders
▶ Affordable dues	► Cost effectiveness	Positive return on investment	Positive return on investment

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