

Purpose of the program

Every young person has the potential to become a good communicator and leader, but this potential needs to be developed. The program's unique eight-session, workshop-style design enables participants to develop this potential through practical experience.

The program is designed to supplement other school programs, providing emphasis on specialized speaking and leadership skills, and individual needs.

Participants learn to:

- Overcome nervousness when speaking before an audience.
- Organize and present ideas logically and convincingly.
- Listen carefully to others' ideas.
- Offer advice to help others improve their speaking and leadership skills.
- Participate in – and even lead – group discussion or meetings.



Can you make a difference?

You can always make a difference in a youth's life by being a mentor at an early stage.

- Host an event in your community.
- Volunteer as a coordinator.
- Be a speaker at a program.
- Spread the word around.
- Encourage your club members to participate in this program



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Youth Leadership Program



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Overview

The Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program (YLP) is designed as an experiential workshop that provides the opportunity for youth participants to develop and practice communication and leadership skills. The YLP can be tailored to serve any school-age child, as long as the program design is modified to reflect the capacity and interests of the specific group of participants.

There is no cost to participants.

A typical meeting

The standard learning agenda for the Youth Leadership Program, as contained in the Guide and Handbook, includes:

- Evaluation of current speaking ability
- Discussion of chairmanship principles
- Presentation of speeches
- Impromptu talks
- Group evaluation
- Discussion of speech organization
- Discussion and practice in listening
- Discussion of gestures in speaking
- Discussion of voice and vocabulary
- Exercise in chairmanship

Groups

Potential groups that could benefit from the Youth Leadership Program:

- Home school groups
- Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
- Gifted & Talented programs
- Middle & High school participants
- Religious groups
- Ethnic communities
- Juvenile centers
- Community outreach
- Groups of 5 to 20



Benefits to participant

The program emphasizes:

- Importance of creativity
- Enhancing self-esteem
- Enhancing language development
- Links to other youth programs

Sponsors

A local Toastmasters club serves as sponsor and provides the experienced leaders needed to present the program. These adults are patient and understanding; they remember their own struggles with youthful issues and work well with kids as a result.

Benefits to sponsors

The sponsoring club benefits by the active involvement of its members. Sponsoring a YLP can revitalize a club.

It serves as great public relations tool for your club.

Benefits to coordinators

Coordinating a Youth Leadership Program fulfills one requirement for earning your AC Gold award.

