



Communication & Leadership Award

The Communication and Leadership Award is presented by the District to a person in the community who is an outstanding communicator or leader. Giving this award is a distinct honor for the recipient and is one of the most effective ways to gain publicity for Toastmasters.

Following are the criteria used for award recipient selection:

- Must be a resident of the geographical area covered by District 53 Toastmasters (Eastern New York, Western Massachusetts and Connecticut).
- Must be a non-Toastmaster, can be a former Toastmaster.
- Should have distinguished himself/herself as a leader or spokesperson for a worthy cause or purpose, especially as it exemplified their communication and leadership skills.
- Shall have made a significant contribution to the communities within the district. The impact of this contribution must be community or district-wide.
- Must be a skilled communicator/speaker.
- This award may not be presented to a recipient a second time.
- Must be able to personally accept the award and give a short acceptance address at lunch at the District 53 Spring Conference.

A person who has become a public official, a business leader, an academic leader, a volunteer organization leader, or who is successful in other fields of endeavor would be an excellent nominee.

While the District pays for the recipient's lunch they do not pay for transportation to the event.

The Communication and Leadership Award Committee will be comprised of members representing every Division in the District. The C&L Award Committee Chair will be designated by the District Trio (District Director, Program Quality Director and Club Growth Director) or may be delegated to the conference committee.

Award Recipient Selection Process

1. Any District 53 Toastmaster in good standing may submit a nomination for the award. Only nominations submitted by Toastmasters in District 53 will be considered.
2. The Communication and Leadership Award committee will review all nominations and recommend a recipient to the District Trio who will have final approval of the recipient.
3. Once the Trio approves then the recipient will be notified, and publicity can begin.