



## Toastmasters Missions, Values, and Promises

### Mission

<b>Toastmasters International Mission</b>	<b>District Mission</b>	<b>Club Mission</b>
We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.	We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.	We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

### Core Values

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

### A Toastmaster's Promise

As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise:

- To attend club meetings regularly
- To prepare all my projects to the best of my ability, basing them on the Toastmasters education program
- To prepare for and fulfil meeting assignments
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations
- To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow
- To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so
- To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy
- To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmaster's membership offers
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters education and recognition programs
- To act within Toastmasters' core values of integrity, respect, service, and excellence during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities



## Gurukul – Empowering leaders for future!

### Introduction

Gurukul is a transformative learning platform that has been running successfully for the last 4 years in District 98. During its initial years, Gurukul was a limited-edition exclusive program that catered to 30-35 members every program year. Over the years around 100+ members have benefitted from this initiative to nurture their leadership potential and excel in their career both in Toastmasters as well as professionally. This year the program aims to be inclusive and open to all the members who want to explore in their leadership journey by not just contributing towards the growth of Toastmasters but also excel in their professional career.

### Vision and Mission

The core vision of Gurukul is to foster ethical and value-driven leadership within Toastmasters, where every member takes pride in their journey as a Toastmaster.

The mission is to empower members to comprehend the benefits of the leadership path in Toastmasters through active engagement and mentorship.

### Objective

Gurukul seeks to **develop leaders** who are not only successful in their roles within Toastmasters but also carry the skills and values into their professional lives. The program's primary objectives are two-fold.

First, to groom future leaders (you) by working through the various learning opportunities within Toastmasters in a structured manner.

Second, to equip participants with a clear understanding of their role as a leader, both within and outside Toastmasters. This understanding will foster better interpersonal connections and effective application of leadership skills.

### Methodology

The program will cover a gamut of learning and leadership opportunities in a holistic manner with a unique blend of theoretical knowledge applied in practical scenarios. These interactive sessions comprise of workshop, case studies, assignments that empower participants to transcend within and outside Toastmasters. The emphasis on practical aspects ensures that theoretical knowledge is effectively put into practice.



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These learnings are a means to augment the skills required to accomplish the responsibilities as a Gurukul member. This will encompass a combination of monthly online and in-person Gurukul sessions.

### **Expert Trainers**

The program will have a lineup of distinguished trainers, including past or current District Officers, District Contest Winners, Region Advisors, and International Directors. The expertise of these accomplished trainers ensures that participants receive guidance and mentorship of the highest quality.

### **Some sample sessions:**

- Understanding your Leadership Style - The many forms of Leadership and identifying your own
- How to lead teams effectively
- Power of Marketing - All about effective PR & marketing

And more...

### **Samples of Practical Training:**

- How to be instrumental and achieve organizational goal – for e.g.: for Toastmasters - how to charter new club, learn about elevator pitch, closing the lead etc.
- Build your influence and collaborate more effectively across organisation – for e.g.: Being part of Eloquence Organizing Committee, help members and clubs that need support etc.

And more...

### **Eligibility**

Gurukul program for the year 2024-25 is open to all active Toastmasters of District 98 who apply and enroll by 15 August'24. The member needs to be in good standing from a club in good standing of District 98

### **Time Commitment**

A focused 8-10 hours in a month throughout the program year starting from September 2024 till May 2025. Active participation in educational sessions, contests and other events as required for the program defined by the respective agenda of the event.



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## **Recognition**

Members who successfully complete Gurukul program will be recognized at Eloquence 2025 and at all D98 social media handles.