

DISTRICT 25 TOASTMASTERS



Does your club have well-run, lively, and educational meetings that meet the needs of your members? If so, you may qualify for the prestigious Golden Gavel Award. The Golden Gavel Award is a ribbon for your club's banner and is awarded by the current Area or Division Directors. It can be awarded annually with club being recognized at the Awards Banquet in August as well as club's name placed in the Hall of fame.

How can your club qualify for the Golden Gavel award?

The club must meet all of the following criteria:

- Members and guests are greeted warmly and enthusiastically.
- Meeting starts and adjourns on time.
- 15 or more club members must be present (clubs with membership below 20, 75% of members present)
- At least one non-Toastmaster guest is present.
- There is applause after every speaker - functionaries included. *
- All speeches are path speeches.
- Evaluations are both specific and supportive.
- Participants are positively recognized and ribbons/rotating trophies are awarded. *
- Members wear badges and guests are given name tags. *
- Printed agendas are distributed and followed with three or fewer assignment changes to the agenda. *
- Table Topics are interesting and/or fun - most participants are able to speak the full time period.



Many clubs have the goal of earning the Golden Gavel Award for Excellence in Club meetings when their Area Director makes an official club visit. If your club has not earned one yet, plan a Golden Gavel meeting and invite your Area and/or Division Director to attend. Area and Division Directors, along with other members of the District leadership team, can submit your club's award to the District Director.

The Golden Gavel Award program starts July 1, and ends June 30, which is the Toastmaster year. For more information about the Golden Gavel Award, contact your Area or Division Director, or visit the District 25 Toastmasters website <https://www.d25toastmasters.org/hall-of-fame/hall-of-fame-golden-gavel/>.

* Virtual meetings - Adjust as needed to remain compliant with local laws & recommendations.

- Applause – If non-speakers are muted, some video conferencing options allow virtual applause or Jazz hands.
- Recognition with ribbons/rotating trophies. Some video conferencing options may allow surveys, chat, polling. Awards can be virtual. Recognition is the important component and should be included if possible.
- Printed Agendas – can be emailed to all or posted in the chat for guests.
- Name badges – the participant or meeting organizer can often rename the attendees if needed.