



The Accredited Speaker Program

To be a Star among Stars!

The first club in the Gulf was born 45 years ago, in 1964. District 79, as we are now known has grown in leaps and bounds. We have terrific speakers and terrific leaders. The time has arrived for our stars to shine brighter than the best. Now is the time to grow and cultivate our own crop of Professional speakers. Professional Speakers who could be called the "Accredited Speakers"! Are you game?



What is the Accredited Speaker Program (AS)?

The Accredited Speaker Program is a recognition program for speakers who make major presentations outside the toastmasters forum. By participating in the program, the member experiences;

- A greater opportunity to grow in Public Speaking and expand one's speaking expertise
- Recognition as an Accomplished Speaker
- The first steps towards launching a career in Public speaking.

What is the eligibility criteria?

Member must be an AT (Able Toastmaster) / ATM-B / ACB

Member must have given 25 speeches outside the club within 3 years of applying for the program.

How does it work?

It is a two stage process. At the first level:

An application form has to be submitted to WHQ with fee of \$100 (deadline November 1st , process time 1 year) along with the following:

- 5 acknowledgements from clients as documentary evidence
- One 15-45 min audio presentation in English recorded before a live non-toastmaster audience. The presentation must not involve visuals or hand-outs.

The Toastmasters International review committee will review the presentation and call for the next level.

If the applicant fails to make it to the 2nd level, they can reapply with another recorded presentation with a non-refundable fee of \$100.

At the second level:

- A different presentation has to be given to a live audience at a Regional conference or International convention with a fee of \$150.
- The presentation will be judged by an anonymous panel of five judges.
- Only one presentation is entertained per year. An additional fee of \$150 is charged for every second level attempt.

If the applicant does not pass after 3 opportunities he/she must submit a new application, a new recording, a non-refundable \$100 fee and be judged at the first level again.

How is the achiever recognized?

The achiever is presented with a Letter of Commendation, a Ceremonial Presentation of a handsome Plaque and badge bearing the symbol of recognition, Hall of Fame acknowledgement in the Toastmaster magazine and News release to select publications

How do we get hold of the Application form and where do we send the materials?

Please contact your Division Governor, for a copy of the Application form and the forwarding address.

How does our District plan to implement the program?

Ideally, the Division Governor can refer interested parties to the Speakers Bureau Chairman assigned to each Division, who will be able to assist them in securing speaking assignments. The Speakers Bureau complements the AS program. Though it is not mandatory for a potential AS to be part of the Speakers Bureau, the membership in the Bureau will ensure support from the entire Division to reach his/her goal.