

Becoming a Member of Toastmasters of Paris

Thank you for having expressed an interest in joining **Toastmasters of Paris!**

Admission is by invitation and is open to candidates who are fluent in English, have attended at least three Toastmasters of Paris meetings and take to heart the ten points listed on Page 2 of this document: these points are the foundation for the success of our members and the success of our Club.

Your mastery of English should be consistent with Club standards. That is, you **speak** English fluently and grammatically and **understand** spoken English with a high degree of comprehension. This is vital because the success of the Toastmasters learning process depends on your giving speeches and **understanding** and **absorbing** the feedback you receive from your evaluators and mentor. Since you will be called on to **evaluate** other members' speeches and grammar, you will combine your ability to understand what was said with your ability to provide **clear** and **articulate** feedback.

If the above requirements are met, you will receive an invitation from VP Membership to present your candidacy to the club by giving a short talk (not more than 3 minutes) from the lectern, telling us:

- Why you would like to join
- What the club can bring to you
- What you can bring to the club

After you have spoken, you will be escorted out of the room, and the club will vote on your candidacy, as required by Toastmasters International rules. You will then be escorted back into the room. If you are voted into the club, you will be asked to pay the applicable membership dues that night. This can be done by check or cash.

If you have any other questions concerning membership in our club, do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to working with you as a candidate member,

Hélène Fages

Vice President Membership

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A TOASTMASTER'S PROMISE

As a prospective member of Toastmasters International and Toastmasters of Paris, you will be asked to take to heart the following points which are at the core of our Club's success:

Attend club meetings regularly

Prepare all of your speeches to the best of your ability, basing them on projects in the *Communication and Leadership* manual, the *Advanced Communication* manuals or the *Competent Leadership* manual

Prepare for and fulfil meeting assignments

Provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations

Help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow

Serve your club as an officer when called upon to do so

Treat your fellow club members and guests with respect and courtesy

Bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits that Toastmasters membership offers

Adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs

Maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities

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