



## The essentials of becoming a TM 551 Mentor/Mentee

### Information for Mentors

#### What does a TM 551 mentor do?

- Takes a personal interest in and guides an inexperienced new club member (mentee)
- Serves as a role model, coach, and confidante
- Offers knowledge, insight, perspective, and wisdom useful to the mentee

#### What are the benefits of becoming a TM 551 mentor?

- Learn from their mentees. Mentees often offer new information and perspectives
- Remain productive. Mentors continue to make use of their own knowledge and skills
- Do something for others. To help someone is not only a confirmation of our own skills, but we also feel good we help someone achieve their goals
- Receive recognition. We at TM 551 appreciate you for being an integral part of our community!

#### Types of TM 551 mentors:



##### 1-time speech mentor

Guide a new member for their ice-breaker speech!  
Low-commitment way to see if you would make a good mentor-mentee pair



##### Long-term mentor

Set goals and guide a new member to success!  
Commitment and frequency of meeting to be decided by pairs

For more information: <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/mentoring>

### Information for Mentees

#### Why should I be a TM 551 mentee?

- Receive guidance from an experienced member on the in-and-outs of the club
- For new members: Your mentor help you become familiar with club meetings and roles of meeting participants and help you with your first few speeches
- For experienced members: Your mentor will help you develop the special skills in which you are interested

#### What is required of a TM 551 mentee?

- Eager to learn and receptive. Be willing to take on new challenges and feedback, viewing it as an opportunity to improve
- Open to new ideas. Be able to step back and see things from other perspectives
- Loyal. You should be able to keep confidences

#### How do I get a TM 551 mentor?

Just ask a member of the club whom you look up to (then tell your VPE), alternately, ask your serving VPE for recommendations. Please understand that mentors volunteer their time willingly and may decline if they cannot commit.



*"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."*