

District 49's 2026 Communication and Leadership Award Nominations now open.

Criteria for the Award Recipient

Following are the criteria used for the award recipient selection.

- Must be a resident of the geographical area covered by District 49.
- Currently must be a non-Toastmaster, but can be a former Toastmaster.
- Should have distinguished himself/herself as a leader or spokesperson for a worthy cause or purpose, especially as it exemplified their communication and leadership skills.
- Shall have made a significant contribution to their community within Hawai'i. The impact of this contribution must not be limited to one organization but must be islandwide or statewide.
- This award may not be presented to a recipient a second time. For a list of past recipients: <https://www.district49.org/clawards>
- Must be able to personally accept the award and give an acceptance address at the District 49 Annual Conference on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's South Pacific Ballroom.

Nomination Process

1. Any District 49 Toastmaster in good standing may submit a nomination for the award. If you wish to nominate more than one person, please submit separate entries for each individual. The Nomination Form, along with any supplemental information should be sent to the District Director (DD) using the format provided on the Nomination Form.
2. Nominations must be made in writing following the questions on the Nomination Form, providing reasons why the nominee should be considered for the award.
3. Nominations must be submitted to the DD by December 31, 2025. Call for nominations and deadlines will be announced by the PQD.
4. The Communication and Leadership Nomination Committee will only consider nominations submitted by the due date.
5. The Communication and Leadership Nomination Committee will decide which nominee, if any, is worthy of the award. The decision will be made by a majority vote. This vote may be performed via email.
6. If a majority of the Communication and Leadership Nomination Committee feels that no nominations merit the award, then no award will be made for that year.
7. If an award is to be given, the DD will contact the recipient to inform him/her, they have been selected to receive the award, and advise the recipient that he/she must make an acceptance address at the District Annual Conference as a condition of receiving the award.
8. If the chosen recipient:
 - Cannot make an acceptance address

- Cannot personally accept the award
- Chooses not to accept the award

Then the Communication and Leadership Nomination Committee may choose to select another recipient for the award that year. If another recipient is chosen, then the District 49 Director will contact that individual in accordance with #7 above.

The Selection

Selection of the recipient for the award is made by the Communication and Leadership Nomination Committee and confirmed by the DD. Selection is contingent upon the recipient's confirmed attendance for the award presentation.

Presentation

The Communication and Leadership award will be presented at the District 49 Annual Conference on May 2, 2026.

District 49 Communication & Leadership Award

The Communication & Leadership (C&L) Award is an honor bestowed on a member of the community who embodies and exhibits the core values of Toastmasters in their work and community engagements. The recipient of this award cannot currently be a member of Toastmasters International. However, through their work in the community, they exemplify strong communication and leadership skills that impacts and elevates their community. The recipient must work and live within the state of Hawai'i.

Past Honorees are listed here: <https://www.district49.org/clawards>

The award honoree should be available to accept the award in-person on May 2, 2026 and give a 5-minute acceptance address. As a Toastmasters member from District 49, you are encouraged to nominate an individual whom you feel is deserving of this award.

To make your nomination, complete this form by answering the questions below and submit it to District Director Lynn Araki-Regan via email (d49lynn@gmail.com) by December 31, 2025. The Communication & Leadership Nomination Committee will consider all submissions; however, the award will not be presented unless the committee agrees the nominee meets all the highest standards for the award.

INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATOR:

Full Name: _____

Toastmaster Membership No: _____

Club Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING:

Full Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING

Provide a maximum of one (1) page explaining why you believe this person is a worthy candidate for the D49 2026 C&L Award. Include an overview of what the individual has accomplished and how they serve their community. Feel free to provide supporting links to articles or websites about the individual's accomplishments and/or professional background biography.

***Please do not exceed the recommended one page for the explanation.