

District 86 Spirit of District 86 Award

Nomination Form — Reusable Annual Template

Recognizes a District 86 member whose actions during the award year demonstrate the Spirit of District 86 through meaningful contribution, service, encouragement, collaboration and positive influence. The award recognizes HOW someone serves, not simply positions or activity counts. Nominator supplies evidence; the Evaluation Committee verifies; the Committee evaluates.

Award Year

Deadline	
Candidate Name	
Club Number	
Club Name	
Division / Area	
Nominator Name	
Nominator Email	

Eligibility

- Any D86 member may nominate a D86 member; self-nominations are not permitted.
- DFD/District Director, PQD and CGD are ineligible for their service year. Area and Division Directors are eligible.
- Focus on the award year; prior service is supporting context only.
- At least three specific contributions/examples must be identifiable.
- Only the top three finalists are informed and asked to be prepared for the awards event.
- No automatic minimum score; the Committee may decline the award if no nominee demonstrates sufficient Spirit.

Weights

- Contribution & District Impact — 30%
- Leadership, Service & Support — 25%
- Toastmasters Values & Spirit — 20%
- Initiative, Collaboration & Community Contribution — 20%
- Letters / First-Hand Qualitative Evidence — 5%

Part A — Nomination Evidence

Keep evidence concise: contribution, dates, impact and a source/person who can verify.

Contribution & District Impact — 30%

Significance and demonstrated positive difference made during the award year.

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Leadership, Service & Support — 25%

How the nominee lifts, encourages, mentors and supports clubs, members and leaders, including service without a formal title.

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Part A — Nomination Evidence (continued)

Keep evidence concise: contribution, dates, impact and a source/person who can verify.

Toastmasters Values & Spirit — 20%

Integrity, respect, service, excellence, inclusion, encouragement and positive influence—the way the nominee serves.

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Initiative, Collaboration & Community Contribution — 20%

Willingness to help where needed, build relationships across clubs/Areas/Divisions, collaborate and contribute to District or community activities.

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Contribution / claim

Evidence / dates / impact

Source / verifier

Part A — Summary & References

Short, specific first-hand evidence is preferred over volume.

Why Does This Candidate Exemplify the Spirit of District 86?

Nominator relationship / first-hand knowledge

Reference Letters

No maximum number of letters is submitted. The Committee considers only letters from people who have had direct contact with the nominee and personally observed or experienced the nominee's Spirit. Letters are worth no more than 5% and strength/specificity matters more than number.

Reference 1 writer / role

Relationship

First-hand evidence

Reference 2 writer / role

Relationship

First-hand evidence

Reference 3 writer / role

Relationship

First-hand evidence

Additional Remarks / Examples

Part B — Committee Due Diligence & Verification

Committee verifies material claims; appropriate District/Division/Area/club team members may be engaged.

Verification is factual. The Committee separately evaluates significance and impact. A nominee may request an audit if they reasonably believe due diligence was not completed.

Claim

Person / source contacted

Evidence / result

Committee notes

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Person / source contacted

Evidence / result

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Evidence / result

Committee notes

Due Diligence Lead

Name

Date

Audit / Verification Notes

Part C — Independent Evaluation

Score independently before finalist discussion. Balance activity and impact.

Evaluate what was done, how the nominee served, who benefited and the significance of the result. Activity has value, but volume alone should not determine the score.

1–5 Rubric

- 1

Limited evidence / contribution
- 2

Some evidence / modest contribution
- 3

Strong contribution and positive impact
- 4

Very significant contribution / influence
- 5

Exceptional, sustained and distinguished Spirit

Weighted Evaluation

Contribution & District Impact	30%	Rating	Score
Leadership, Service & Support	25%	Rating	Score
Toastmasters Values & Spirit	20%	Rating	Score
Initiative, Collaboration & Community Contribution	20%	Rating	Score
Letters / First-Hand Qualitative Evidence	5%	Rating	Score

TOTAL

Finalists & Decision

Finalist Rank

Decision

Committee rationale

Committee Chair

Date

Governance / Audit

Chair is typically the Immediate Past District Director; the District Director may appoint another chair. One representative from each Division participates, and Division representatives must not hold a current District leadership role. Conflicts require recusal. If an audit is requested, the Committee reviews whether reasonable due diligence was completed; where due diligence is demonstrated, the verified results and decision stand.