

## Welcome to Techmasters!

The Techmasters Club is affiliated with Toastmasters International, and as such, must abide by that organization's rules and regulations. This affects (and benefits) many aspects of the Techmasters experience.

In order to join Techmasters, follow these steps:

1. Visit us. Attend at your convenience (no prior notice is required) one or two of our weekly meetings as a guest. If you wish, participate in our impromptu "Table Topics" sessions, which are part of most meetings. Our meetings are held every Thursday morning, 7:30-9 AM in room 102 of the Pettit MiRC building: <https://techmasters.gatech.edu/directions.html>
2. When you're ready to join, print and complete the membership application. Submit your application to our VP of Membership (if present, or another club officer) preferably at the start of the meeting. The application is available on our website: <http://techmasters.gatech.edu/downloads.html>
3. Membership dues payment. See the chart below, which outlines membership dues and 6-month renewal cycles. We accept cash and checks. However, PayPal payments are preferred, see: [http://techmasters.gatech.edu/Membership\\_dues\\_renewal\\_payments.html](http://techmasters.gatech.edu/Membership_dues_renewal_payments.html)
4. Next, accounts will be created for you on the Techmasters club website (<https://techmasters.gatech.edu>) and with Toastmasters International (<https://www.toastmasters.org/>). Please watch for emails from both systems to verify your accounts.
5. Select your path in Pathways on the Toastmasters website: <https://www.toastmasters.org/pathways-overview>
6. If you would like mentorship from another club member, please reach out to our club's VP of Education. See related files in the Member Downloads section of the Techmasters website.

Membership dues explained:

- Toastmasters International (TI) dues are \$7.50 per month. Techmasters Club dues are \$2 per month.
- All members pay a total of \$9.50 per month (in two six-month periods) in order to remain "active", to participate in meetings, to have access to websites, to receive credit for progress on speeches and other activities.
- New members pay a one-time fee of \$20 to Toastmasters International (TI).
- Member payments are made to the Techmasters Club and we'll pay your TI dues on your behalf.
- Dues payment follows the 6-month cycles April through September and October through March.
- See the chart below to better understand Techmasters and Toastmasters International dues.

Month joining or reinstating ↓	April dues	May dues	June dues	July dues	August dues	September dues	October dues	November dues	December dues	January dues	February dues	March dues	New Member Fee	Total for new member ↓
<b>April</b>	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50							\$20	<b>\$77</b>
<b>May</b>		\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50							\$20	<b>\$67.50</b>
<b>June</b>			\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50							\$20	<b>\$58</b>
<b>July</b>				\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50							\$20	<b>\$48.50</b>
<b>August</b>					\$9.50	\$9.50							\$20	<b>\$39</b>
<b>September*</b>						\$9.50	*	*	*	*	*	*	\$20	<b>\$29.50 or \$86.50</b>
<b>October</b>							\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$20	<b>\$77</b>
<b>November</b>								\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$20	<b>\$67.50</b>
<b>December</b>									\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$20	<b>\$58</b>
<b>January</b>										\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$20	<b>\$48.50</b>
<b>February</b>											\$9.50	\$9.50	\$20	<b>\$39</b>
<b>March*</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*						\$9.50	\$20	<b>\$29.50 or \$86.50</b>

\* New members joining in September or March may elect to pay 7 months' dues at once (\$86.50 including the \$20 new member fee), rather than join for just one month and be required to renew for 6 months soon afterward.