

Application to be a speaker at TEDxJacksonville

Stars denote required answers.

Part I: Personal Information

Name*

Address*

Email*

Phone Number*

Website (optional)

Part II. Your TEDxJacksonville talk

Here's where you get to share your idea! We're excited to hear what you have to say. But, first, a few important caveats: Ninety percent of applicants are rejected based solely on their answer to question #1. It's more important than all the other questions combined. However, if you read and follow the advice below, your odds of being accepted grow exponentially.

- TEDx talks are NOT motivational speeches. If the core idea of your talk is something like "be your authentic self" or "follow your passion," it will be rejected.
- TEDx talks are NOT just personal stories. If you want to apply with a personal story, you must draw an idea or clear lesson from that story to qualify for consideration.
- TEDx talks are NOT lectures or biographies. You must have a unique take/idea/opinion about your subject to qualify for consideration.
- TEDx talks are NOT the place for your "circuit" speech. If you are a professional speaker, please know that we only accept NEW material based on a novel, core idea.

Great TEDx talks center on one single "idea worth spreading." Do you have a new way of approaching an old problem, a challenge to the status quo, fascinating research, or innovative technology and design? Perfect! That's what we're looking for.

Please limit your response for each question to 100--250 words.

1. What single, unifying IDEA is at the heart of your TEDx talk? Be clear and specific. Don't just tease a concept or pitch a title.*Proposed Presentation length? (Options are 4 minutes or less, 5 to 9 minutes, or 10 to 12 minutes.)*
2. Distill your idea worth sharing into 1 or 2 sentences.*
3. Add a link to a 1-minute video of you outlining your idea and why it is important that it be shared now.*
4. Why are you the right person to speak about this idea?*
5. What's a recent accomplishment that you are most proud of? (100 words or less.)*
6. What is your connection to Jacksonville?*

Part III: Related Documents

Feel free to upload anything you believe is important to your application and/or can provide us with a fuller sense of your proposal. These entries are optional.

Provide a brief bio relevant to your TEDx talk. You can also upload your bio using the link below.

Please provide links to any video examples of previous presentations. Please provide links to where we might learn more about you.

You have the option to upload your resume or portfolio, as well as a recent photo of yourself.

Part IV. Speaker Agreement

Our audience has high expectations for speakers on the TEDxJacksonville stage and our team is dedicated to helping speakers shape talks that are powerful and impactful. We want to help you give the talk of your life! To that end, all speaker candidates must commit to meeting our requirements regarding deadlines, coaching, collaboration, and rehearsals.

Review the following requirements:

- ✓ I have read the Speaker Guidelines outlined on our website's Apply to Speak page.
- ✓ Are you willing to work with a speaker coach?
- ✓ Are you willing to spend 3 to 5 hours per week preparing for your TEDx talk?
- ✓ If you cannot make one of the required rehearsals, are you available to Zoom or FaceTime with our coaches?
- ✓ Speakers are required to attend the final speaker rehearsal in Jacksonville the Friday before Saturday's conference.

Part V: Statement of Understanding and Agreement

There is a profound difference between presentations you may have previously given in your area of expertise, and the unique format and expectations of the TEDx stage. Therefore, by your signature below, you acknowledge that, if accepted as a TEDxJacksonville speaker, you will be assigned a performance coach, and you understand and agree that coaching is a condition of your acceptance as a speaker, regardless of your prior speaking experience. The speaker/coach relationship is intended to be a warm and collaborative one. Therefore, the coaching process will include both formal and informal meetings between speakers and their coaches, as well as group meetings and multiple rehearsals.

Electronic signature required.