

## TEDxJacksonville Speaker Application

### PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

*(All fields required unless noted otherwise)*

- **Full Name**
- **Mailing Address**
- **Email Address**
- **Phone Number**
- **Website or LinkedIn (optional)**

### PART II: YOUR TALK IDEA

Please respond thoughtfully. Your answers will help us evaluate your idea's originality, significance, clarity, and depth. All written responses should be between 100 and 250 words unless otherwise indicated.

#### 1. What is your central idea in one sentence?

Drill down to your talk's core message. Avoid slogans or vague statements.

#### 2. Name one commonly held belief or assumption your idea disrupts—and explain how.

#### 3. Why is this idea important now?

Upload or provide a link to a 1-2 minute video where you explain *why your idea matters today*. Speak as you would to a curious, thoughtful audience. (You may upload to YouTube, Vimeo, or share a private link via Dropbox/Google Drive.)

#### 4. Why are you the right person to share this idea?

Let us know what experience, insight, or expertise gives you a unique perspective. What personal or professional experiences have shaped your understanding of this idea?

#### 5. Have you presented this idea before? If so, how has it changed in response to feedback or reflection?

#### 6. Have you watched TED or TEDx talks that touch on a similar topic?

If so, which ones? How is your idea different from those talks? What new angle or framing are you bringing?

**7. Share one recent accomplishment that makes you proud. (100 words max)**

This may or may not relate to your idea. We want a sense of your voice, passion, and values.

**8. What is your connection to Jacksonville?**

Our talks often highlight voices that shape and reflect our region. Tell us about your personal, professional, or thematic ties to the area.

**PART III: SUPPORTING MATERIALS (OPTIONAL)**

You may upload or link to any of the following to support your application. These materials can provide additional context and credibility to your application:

- Brief talk-relevant bio (100–150 words)
- Resume or CV
- Portfolio or past work examples
- Link to previous talks, panels, or presentations
- Professional headshot or high-resolution photo

**PART IV: SPEAKER EXPECTATIONS & AGREEMENT**

Speaking at TEDxJacksonville is a collaborative journey. All selected speakers agree to:

- Participate in mandatory one-on-one and group coaching sessions
- Attend scheduled rehearsals (virtual and in-person)
- Revise and refine your talk collaboratively with our coaching and curation team
- Adhere to TEDx content guidelines (no political agendas, religious proselytizing, or self-promotion)

**Are you willing and able to commit the time and energy required to prepare a TEDx-quality talk?**

☐ Yes

- ☐ No
- ☐ I'd like to discuss further

## **Part V: Understanding & Consent**

By submitting this application, you acknowledge and agree to the following conditions of participation.

- If invited to speak at TEDxJacksonville, your talk will be recorded and posted to TEDx's public platforms. TED will hold the exclusive rights to distribute, edit, and utilize said recording across all media platforms globally in perpetuity.
- TEDx is a non-commercial platform. TEDx content guidelines prohibit commercial, political, or religious agendas and emphasize the importance of science-backed and credible presentations that are grounded in fact and reason.

**Electronic Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_