

Application to be a speaker at TEDxJacksonville. *Stars denote required answer.*

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.

*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 to question #1 to 500 words; for all other questions, to 100-250 words.

- 1) Speakers, with the above cautions in mind, what IDEA will you present in your TEDx Talk? Be clear and specific. Don't just tease a concept or pitch a title.*
- 2) Proposed presentation length: 4 minutes or less; 5 to 9 minutes; 10 to 15 minutes *
- 3) Distill your idea worth sharing into 1 -2 sentences. *
- 4) How does your idea impact the community? What is your call to action? *
- 5) Why are you the right person to speak about this idea? *
- 6) Tell us about a recent accomplishment that you are most proud of in 100 words or less. *
- 7) What is your connection to Jacksonville? *

Part III: Related Documents:

Please feel free to upload anything you believe is important to your application and/or can provide us with a fuller sense of your proposal.

- 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.
- Your resume or portfolio
- 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 presentations 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? No/Yes
- Are you willing to spend 3 to 5 hours per week preparing for your TEDx talk/ No/Yes
- I am available for the final speaker rehearsal on Friday, October 21, at the Terry Theater. No/Yes
- If you cannot make one of the required rehearsals, are you available to Skype or FaceTime with our coaches? No/Yes

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. Please type your full name in the space below.

Part V. Some Final Housekeeping:

After you click the submit button, you'll be redirected to our home page. Shortly thereafter, you'll get an email from us confirming that we've received your application. The email will include a copy of your application, as well as additional information about the selection process. If after reviewing the email, you still have questions or concerns about the process, you can contact us at apply@tedxjacksonville.com.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in TEDxJacksonville. We get a lot of impressively qualified applicants, and we look very closely at each and every application. Our selection process involves curating a series of talks that capture the broad multi-disciplinary nature of our applicant pool, while creating a cohesive and interconnected whole that relates to our conference theme. (In other words, if we don't select you, it's us, not you). Thanks!