

Things every applicant should know...

- **What is TED? What is TEDxRaleigh?**

TED is a nonprofit organization dedicated to spreading 'ideas worth sharing' for over 30 years. Due to its popularity, TED has grown to support local, independently-organized TEDx events. TEDxRaleigh draws on the innovations, research, accomplishments, and viewpoints of distinguished thinkers in North Carolina. We curate an exciting event that will blend entertainment with great minds for an unforgettable event.

- **Who are we looking for?**

TEDxRaleigh presenters should share a connection to the Raleigh area. They should have a unique, 'idea worth spreading' and be able to articulate this idea in a presentation of 18 minutes or less (per TED guidelines). Presentations should stand out within their focus or discipline and relate to our TEDxRaleigh theme: 'Wonderlust'. Presentations DO NOT need to be speeches. We are looking for a diverse group of *Presentations* to stimulate our audience and leave an impact.

- **What does 'Wonderlust' mean to us?**

Wonderlust involves being in a constant state of wonderment and awe. It conveys feelings of curiosity, passion, excitement, and motivation. We crave unique ideas and presentations. What does it mean to *you*?!

- **What will a thoughtful submission include?**

We are looking for 'ideas worth spreading'! TEDxRaleigh presentations should stand out among others of similar topic. We hope your idea will compel the audience to take action, think differently, or share feelings of 'Wonderlust'!

- **Selection Process and Timeline**

After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email confirming your submission. The TEDxRaleigh Selection Committee will reach out to you if we have questions concerning your application. We will announce a first selection of presenters on January 21st to attend further auditions. Our final selections will be announced February 3rd.

We require all presenters selected to adhere to our criteria including draft submissions, presentation rehearsals, and coaching. We strongly recommend all applicants review the [TEDx Speaker Criteria](#).



Presenter Application

1. Presenter Profile

- Name
- Phone
- Email
- Profession/Employer
- Length of presentation
- One word to describe your presentation style

2. Presentation Details (100 words or less)

- Why is your “idea worth spreading”?
- What makes your presentation/idea stand out as compared to another on a similar topic?
- What does ‘Wonderlust’ mean to you and how does your presentation promote this meaning?
- What is your ‘Call to Action’? What will your audience feel compelled to do after listening to you?
- Describe your presentation in 75 words or less.

3. Presenter Details (100 words or less)

- Describe your experience presenting in front of audiences.
- Why do you want to Present/Perform specifically at TEDxRaleigh?

4. Let us get to know you! (100 words or less) *Optional*

- How did you hear about TEDxRaleigh?
- What is your favorite TED/TEDx Talk and why?
- How would a friend describe you and your accomplishments?
- What else should we know about you that we have not asked?
- Please provide your website as well as any applicable Social Media links.



5. Uploads

- Outline of presentation.
- Please provide a self-made, two-minute video describing your topic as it relates to our theme. (This can be informal!)
- *Optional* Share any additional video links that demonstrate your speaking ability and/or style.

Consent to comply with Selection Process and Criteria

“Before submitting an application to present for TEDxRaleigh, you should review and pay very careful attention to the *Presenter Selection Criteria*. All Presenters must agree to these criteria when submitting their Presenter application. Click [here](#) to review the *Presenter Selection Criteria*.”

