

CALL FOR SPEAKER PROPOSALS

Proposals Due: Friday, May 10, 11:59 PM CST

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Sam Houston State University is proud to host our third annual TEDxSHSU on October 9, 2024. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, and regional thought leaders are invited to apply to speak.

TEDx events are independently, locally-organized events licensed by the TED organization. Part of the TEDx mission is to highlight a range of “ideas worth spreading” in local communities - from local experts, researchers, thinkers, doers, artists, innovators, community leaders, and changemakers. TEDx events are hosted in more than 3,000 communities around the world. We are proud to be one of only a few universities in Texas to be officially licensed to host a TEDx event. The audience for TEDxSHSU is members of the SHSU community and surrounding region.

TED and TEDx Talks have featured some of the world’s most innovative and creative minds, problem solvers, and imaginative thinkers. TED seeks to open dialogues, spark thinking, and ignite our imaginations through a focus on ideas worth spreading. Click [here](#) to watch the talks featured at previous TEDxSHSU events.

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Generating Ideas

TEDx events highlight innovative thinking and new ideas from the local community. They also raise awareness about local issues, research, problems, community partnerships, and proposed solutions. Those considering a submission to TEDxSHSU should ensure their proposal highlights an innovative idea worth spreading, a unique story or perspective, cutting-edge research, and/or a focus on local/regional issues and solutions.

TEDx Guidelines

All talks must adhere to [TEDx Content Guidelines](#) and [Copyright Guidelines](#). Please review these guidelines carefully before you apply. Talks cannot promote commercial, political, or religious agendas; include inflammatory rhetoric; use bad science; or violate copyright. All selected TEDxSHSU talks will be fact-checked in accordance with TED policies.

Contact

For more information, contact the TEDxSHSU Co-Directors:

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Commitment and Preparation

Selected speakers will be required to attend a kickoff meeting in June 2024, via Zoom (time/date TBD). Each speaker will be paired with a TEDxSHSU Coach, who provides support as you plan, develop, craft, revise, refine, and memorize your talk. Selected speakers should plan to spend significant time during Summer 2024 crafting your talk, working with your coach, and participating in Speaker Circles. Speakers also spend significant time practicing delivery. Actively participating in the speaker preparation process is required. Coaches, Speaker Circles, and pre-event rehearsals are designed to support you in developing and delivering your most powerful talk.

Application Process

We invite individuals interested in giving a 10- to 15-minute talk at TEDxSHSU to submit a proposal for consideration, to be reviewed by the TEDxSHSU Organizing Team. Complete the Speaker Proposal Form [here](#).

Timeline

April, 2024: Call for Speaker Proposals
May 10, 2024: Deadline to Submit Speaker Proposals, 11:59 PM CST
May 22, 2024: Notification to Selected Speakers
June 2024: TEDxSHSU Speaker Kickoff Meeting (via Zoom, date TBD)
June – September, 2024: Prepare drafts of talk; work with TEDxSHSU Coach; Speaker Circles
Week of September 2, 2024: Initial run-through of memorized talk
September, 2024: Talk delivery refinement, rehearsals, additional feedback
October 8, 2024: TEDxSHSU on-site Rehearsal
October 9, 2024: TEDxSHSU

Support

TEDxSHSU is generously supported by the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College at Sam Houston State University and partnerships across campus and within the community.

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