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WORTH participating
WORTH mentoring
WORTH sponsoring
WORTH volunteering



#### Can you make a difference?

You can always make a difference in a youth's life by being a volunteer at an early stage.

- Encourage youth to participate in this program
- Spread the word around.
- Volunteer as a mentor.
- Volunteer at an event.



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#### **ABOUT TEDx**

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)





TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in 1984, TED has grown to support world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. At TED, the world's leading thinkers and doers are asked to give the talk of their lives in 18 minutes. Talks are then made available, free, at <a href="TeD.com">TED.com</a>. Follow TED on Twitter at <a href="TeD.com">Twitter at twitter.com/TEDTalks</a>, or on Facebook at <a href="TeD.com">www.facebook.com/TED.</a>.

### Think of the successful adults you know.

They probably have one trait in common – the ability to communicate effectively.

Youth need to learn effective communication skills so they can grow to meet the challenges of adulthood and leadership successfully. Even the most amazing idea gets lost when not conveyed effectively. The TEDx@FortWorth Team wants every youth to have the tools to express themselves in the best possible light. Talk Training's sole purpose is to make each Trainee discover the best of themselves. Unlike any other program each student is given months of one on one mentoring and work as a team to diligently help them "find their voice."



Sponsored and conducted by TEDxYouth@FortWorth Team, TED Talk Training helps attendees build their communication, presentation and delivery skills so they may share their ideas and passion as effectively as possible, opening a door to improve the world.

#### **Purpose of the Training**

Every young person has the potential to become a good communicator if this potential is nurtured. The program's unique eight-session, workshop-style design enables participants to develop this potential through practical experience.

The program is not in competition with school programs or courses, or other established youth projects. Instead, it's a supplement to these programs, providing emphasis on specialized TED Talk training, communication skills, and individual needs. Participants learn to:

- Overcome nervousness when speaking before an audience.
- Organize and present ideas logically and convincingly.
- Listen carefully to others' ideas.
- Offer advice to help others improve their presentation skills.
- Capture the attention and engage an audience of all ages.



#### **Every Youth is given a Mentor**

Beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of TEDxYouth TED Talk Training each enrolled student is assigned a volunteer mentor. These adults provide guidance and support to each trainee based on his or her unique developmental needs. Mentors work diligently to guide the trainee to produce the most effective TED Talk tailored to their personality and delivery style

#### **Focusing on each Trainee**

The TED Talk Training is limited to 70 Trainees total with 14 students and 2 instructors per class. That way, each person receives individual attention and has the opportunity to get practical experience. Participants for the program are selected by their apportionment group. The program is designed to improve the individual trainee's communication skills as well as their TED Talk skills. Trainees are selected for what they can become, not for what they already have done. Selectees learn amazing valuable life skills which are a supplement to their high school education, or a prequel for college.

#### **Talented Instructors**

Experienced leaders with years of effective communication skills are assigned as instructors. Most are Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) the highest level of achievement for communication and Leadership in Toastmasters International. These adults are patient and understanding; they remember their own struggles with youthful issues and work well with kids as a result.



Participants increase their self-confidence as they learn. They also make new friends and have fun. TEDxYouth@FortWorth Talk Training is an enjoyable learning experience!