

About TEDxSMU

In the spring of 2009, Lyle School of Engineering Dean Geoffrey Orsak and retired EDS executive Jim Young decided that Dallas needed a TEDx, and even more so that Dallas' kids needed TEDx.

The planning team took a page out of the TED playbook in producing TEDxSMU and followed its proven format of short, powerful talks by a diverse group of speakers and performers. The 500 attendees were chosen — and will continue to be chosen — by application process in order to carefully curate the audience. The charter of the TEDx program is to take TED's mission of "ideas worth spreading" out into the community, so ticket prices are kept very low. By comparison, the hard costs to produce the conference are well over 5x the ticket price. (Thanks, TEDx Sponsors who made it all possible!)

TEDxKids was new territory as the first-ever TEDx event produced solely for middle school kids. Taking the TED model and tweaking it for the appropriate age group was a huge win. The students and chaperones alike were captivated by the speakers, musical performances, and tech demonstrations.

In 2011, mind-stretching programs that connect thought leaders, solution seekers and the merely curious to "why not?" challenges will return to the Dee and Charles Wylie Theatre with TEDxKids @SMU on Dec. 2 and TEDxSMU on Dec. 3. The theme for TEDxSMU in 2011 will be disruption — a discussion of paradigm-shifting events, discoveries, inventions and technologies, and how they impact us personally and as a community.

The Carole & Jim Young Fellows

The Carole & Jim Young Fellows represent the most interesting SMU students. This fall, we will open applications for students from each of the seven schools at SMU. Two students per school will be selected as Young Fellows. These students will participate as TEDxKids @SMU Hosts Supervisors and have the ability to audition as a TEDxKids @SMU Presenter. All Fellows will be given the opportunity to attend TEDxSMU. The Young Fellows will also be invited to participate in TEDxSMU programming throughout the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Details

SMU students may apply for the Fellowship through www.TEDxSMU.org.

August 30 - Applications open
September 30 - Application deadline
October 7 - Fellows announced

One of the responsibilities of being a Young Fellow is attending and helping to facilitate one of the TEDxKids @SMU High School Host training sessions. These sessions will be on Saturday, November 12 from 9:00-11:30am or Tuesday, November 15 from 4:30-7:00pm.

Schedule

Young Fellows will also participate during the day at TEDxKids @SMU on Friday, December 2. The schedule for TEDxKids @SMU is as follows:

11:30	Young Fellows Check In Time
12:30-1:00	TEDxKids Attendee Check in at the Wylie Theatre
1:00-2:30	Session I
2:30-3:30	Break
3:30-5:00	Session II

Young Fellows receive a complimentary ticket to attend TEDxSMU on Saturday, December 3. The Conference runs from 9:00am-6:00pm.

Community Service Requirement

As part of our commitment to the students in the Dallas area, we offer TEDxKids free of charge. Students are expected to complete a service learning project. All TEDxKids-coordinated service projects will take place on Monday, January 16, 2012 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), and the Young Fellows are invited and encouraged to participate in this day as well.