

Florida Talks

Application Deadline: 6 weeks before hosting a Florida Talks event

Informational Webinar: [Watch Webinar](#)

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About Florida Talks

Florida Talks is one of Florida Humanities' longest-running public programs. Our 2024-2025 Speakers' Bureau features more than 40 exceptional scholars, journalists, authors, and humanities experts and over 80 brand new and returning programs.

Florida Talks offers nonprofit organizations across the state an accessible way to host engaging speakers who present Florida's history, heritage, and culture through historical and contemporary lenses.

All Florida Talks programs are suited for out-of-school adults 18 years of age or older. Programs include a 30-45-minute presentation, followed by time for audience questions.



Dr. Vincent Adejumo



HOSTING HIGHLIGHTS and Eligibility

\$300 honorarium directly to each speaker. We also provide marketing kits, survey materials and compiled responses, and complimentary copies of our magazine *FORUM* to each hosting organization. Organizations are responsible for any remaining costs to host the program including a speaker's travel costs and marketing expenses.

Florida Humanities encourages all Florida Talks programs be free and open to the public. Florida Talks programs cannot be closed or member-only events. Any attendance fees should be minimal and non-prohibitive.

Florida nonprofit organizations, local municipalities, cultural and civic organizations, and educational entities are eligible to host Florida Talks programs.

Application Basics

Organizations must apply six weeks before they intend to host a Florida Talks event. Programs may be held virtually or in-person. **Organizations may apply to host multiple speakers with one application if all programs occur within 90 days.**

There is no limit to how many speakers an organization can host per calendar year.

Organizations may have only one active Florida Talks application open at a time. All final reports must be closed in good order before an organization can apply to host another Florida Talks program(s).

Funding for this program is limited and not all eligible organizations may be approved for support.

Travel Reimbursement

In an effort to assist smaller organizations in their programmatic success, Florida Humanities offers **up to \$250** in travel reimbursement funding for **in-person programs** to organizations with **operating budgets of \$250,000 or less**. This funding is distributed as a

Questions? Contact us.

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Cynthia Barnett. Photo by Agrippina Fadel



the Florida Talks programs at the Clewiston Museum. Through the Florida Talks Speakers Bureau and Program Directory, the residents of Clewiston are continually exposed to interesting, entertaining, and educational topics. Programs that would not usually be readily available in this rural area are made available free of charge.”

– Leigh Woodham
Museum Director,
Clewiston Museum

Steps to Host a Florida Talks Program

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| Step 1: Select a Program | > | 1. Program Selection: Browse the Florida Humanities' Speakers' Bureau and select a program. If your organization is interested in hosting multiple programs within 90 days, you may include up to three (3) programs in one application. |
| Step 2: After Your Application and Before Your Event | ∨ | 2. Contact: Contact the speaker directly and arrange a date, time, location, the format, and any travel costs for the program. Contact information for speakers is available on each speaker's page. |
| Step 3: During Your Event | ∨ | 3. Apply: Create an account or log in to your account through Florida Humanities' Application Portal . Apply six weeks before your program date. <i>Applications will be rejected if your organization has any outstanding Florida Talks final reports.</i> |
| Step 4: After Your Event | ∨ | |

Resources for Hosted Organizations



submit one form for each event.

[Event Listing Form](#) →

Sample Speaker and Organization Hosting Agreement

This form is a sample of a contract between a host organization and the speaker to confirm a date, time, location, format, and any travel costs. **This document is for sample use only and not for organizational use.**

[Sample Speaker Agreement](#) →

Hosting Checklist

Use this document to track your progress throughout hosting a Florida Talks program.

[Hosting Checklist](#) →

Participant Surveys

Share the survey link at virtual programs to gather audience feedback. Organizations automatically receive survey cards for in-person programs to distribute and send to Florida Humanities. Survey cards can be sent to:

ATTN: Florida Talks
Florida Humanities
599 Second Street S
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

[Online Survey](#) →

Final Report

Final Reports are due within 7 days of your program date. Final Reports can be accessed through the Online Application Portal.

[Complete Final Report](#) →

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To preserve, promote and share the history, literature, cultures and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities and their state.

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