

# Classroom Speakers Frequently Asked Questions



## Classroom Speaker FAQs

The Classroom Speakers Program connects area educators with volunteer speakers who can share details about their professions, bring relevance to subjects being taught in classrooms, stimulate student thinking and enlighten students about a wide range of careers. Classroom lessons become more authentic when bolstered with real-world experiences of caring adults.

### **What will I do as a Classroom Speaker?**

Classroom Speakers visit greater Kansas City area schools to share their experiences and bring curricula to life through presentations.

### **How many presentations would I give each year?**

You may present as many times as you choose. Classroom Speakers are required to present a minimum of four times each year.

### **What topics could I speak on?**

You can speak on topics that are career-related, research-based or motivational.

### **Where and to whom would I be speaking?**

You can select the school districts and the grade levels to which you would like to speak.

### **Is training provided for Classroom Speakers?**

All Classroom Speakers must attend a Classroom Speakers Orientation. Orientation sessions are held regularly. Contact Kate Pankey at [pankey@youthfriends.org](mailto:pankey@youthfriends.org) for a list of dates and times.

### **How do I get started in the Classroom Speakers program?**

Please complete a general YouthFriends application by visiting [youthfriends.org](http://youthfriends.org) and selecting Get Involved on the navigation bar. Fax the completed form to 816.842.7907 or mail it to 1800 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108.

### **What kind of screening process is involved in the Classroom Speakers program?**

Interested volunteers need to complete a general YouthFriends application. Applications are used to conduct a quadruple background check on all Classroom Speakers. All participants must pass this background screening process.

### **Can I participate in both Classroom Speakers and YouthFriends?**

Yes! If you are able to volunteer as a speaker and mentor, Kansas City's youth will benefit.

**For more information, go to [uplinkthefuture.org](http://uplinkthefuture.org) or call 816.842.7082.**