Thank you for considering becoming a speaker at the 2022 Autistic Community Summit!

Please fill out this application so the summit committee can consider your presentation.

Some people like to work on this application a little bit at a time, or work on the applications with others. This Microsoft Word version is here to help you: feel free to save your answers here and copy and paste into the online form when you’re finished.

**You will need to submit your final application online** [**here**](https://ausm.org/events/autistic-community-summit/apply-to-speak-at-the-autistic-community-summit/)**.**

If you have questions about completing this application or your presentation, please email Zephyr at zjames@ausm.org.

Breakout sessions will happen during the day on Sept. 17, 2022. The Summit Committee will schedule each session for a specific time slot. Breakout sessions last one hour each and will be held in person with a live audience. AuSM is working on finding out if presentations can also be recorded and shared live on Zoom at the same time, so people can watch at home too.

If you get chosen and present at the Summit, you will get paid $50 and you will get to attend the rest of the Summit for free.

Giving clear descriptions of your topic and what to expect during your presentation is very helpful for the people who will attend. If we choose you to present, your presentation has to match what you said you would cover.

You should turn this form in by Friday, July 1, 2022. You have to include your email address, because we will send you an email to tell you if we choose you to present.

**PRESENTER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

All presenters will:

* Tell us that you are still able to present and want to present within one week after we tell you we have chosen your presentation.
* Keep the title and the content of the session the same after the proposal has been accepted.
* Provide a PowerPoint presentation by Sep. 2, 2022 if you will be using one during your presentation. We will make your slides into PDF handouts and put them on the websites for the people who attend to print out.
* Follow the Universal Design Guidelines, which are ways to make your presentation more accessible. We will send you these guidelines if we choose you as a presenter.
* Every room at the conference will have a projector and a microphone for you to use. If you need any other equipment to present, you will need to bring it yourself. If you use a Macbook computer, you might need to bring an adapter to connect your Macbook to the projector.
* Follow all deadlines we give in this proposal form.

**FACTORS AFFECTING SELECTION**

The purpose of the Autistic Community Summit is to provide a space for community building and sharing the things we know for the Minnesota autistic community. Our goal is to give helpful information for people at all levels, including those who are new to autism and those who have years of experience. It is our goal that all presenters are neurodivergent. The following things will be considered when we choose presentations:

* Filling out all the sections of the form, following directions, and giving thoughtful answers.
* How helpful the information is to the people who will attend.
* Number of presentations on the same or similar topics and/or subtopics.
* What other topics will be covered in other presentations
* How much you seem to know about your topic. This is not measured in formal education or letters after your name. It can be from lived experience, a special interest, or your job.
* Having presenters that are diverse in race, gender, and disability, and topics that show that diversity.

If you have questions about the submission process or your presentation, please reach out to Zephyr zjames@ausm.org.

I have read the information above and understand my role as a breakout session presenter for the 2022 Autistic Community Summit\*

**Please give a short biography of the presenter. 100 words or less. If it is longer than that, we will edit it. This will be included on the conference website and in the program if your presentation is chosen. You will be asked for a biography for each person who will be presenting.**

Please give a full description of the session you would like to present. We will also ask for a 100 word summary that we can include in the Summit program and on the website, however we recognize that for many presenters that is not enough. Use this section to fully describe your session.\*

*Suggested information to include:*

 *-Explain the problem you are talking about clearly and in not too many words.*

 *-Give interesting points of view on your topic, or a point of view that causes arguments.*

 *-Explain what parts of the topic your presentation will address.*

**Summary of presentation. This will be included in the Summit program if your session is selected. This is what the people who attend will look at and use to decide whether to go to your session. Summaries may be edited.\***

**The people who attend the Summit like sessions that teach them strategies, skills, or clear knowledge. Please share what you hope people will take away from your session. You can share in a paragraph form or in bullet points. For example: participants will learn the most effective way to write budget line items in a waiver, or participants will have new strategies for using a planner to support executive function.\***

Experience Level: Share how much background knowledge your presentation will assume that people have. This information will be shared in the conference program to help people select sessions.\*

* New to autism: no background autism knowledge is needed to attend this presentation.
* Some experience: basic autism information will not be explained during this session.
* Long time advocate: this session will discuss detailed or high-level topics that require a solid understanding of autism basics.

What format will your presentation take?\*

* Panel (several people answering questions)
* Presentation (one or more people teaching information)
* Interactive Session (any presentation that asks the audience to participate, like a demonstration or discussion)
* Other

Content area: what topics will your session cover?\*

* Advocacy
* Communication
* Community Building and Equity
* Current Research
* Diagnosis
* Disability and Intersectionality
* Education
* Emotion Regulation
* Employment
* Executive Function
* Housing and Residential Concerns
* Medical Needs and Services
* Parenting/Caregiving
* Personal Stories
* Self-Determination
* Sensory Processing
* Social Skills
* Other

We recognize and celebrate the diversity of our community members, and we are looking for presentations that show this diversity. We think it is important to represent those who have not been allowed to speak in the past. We want to give these people chances to be heard, to help their messages reach more people, and learn from what they teach us. We expect all the presentations to talk about developmental disabilities like autism. Please tell us if your presentation will also cover any of the following topics:\*

* Complex or multiple disabilities
* Mental health conditions
* Non-speaking communication or AAC
* LGBTQIA or gender diversity
* Racial or cultural diversity
* Aging
* Greater Minnesota or Wisconsin/rural communities
* Other
* None of the above

To help the committee understand your presentation better, share some information about how your presentation will include the diverse groups you checked in the previous question. What issues will you address? How is it relevant to these groups?

We want the people who present to be as diverse as our community is. To help us do that, we ask that you share more information about your identity, if you are comfortable doing that. Please select the groups you identify with:\*

* I have a developmental disability (for example: autism, ADHD).
* I have a physical disability.
* I have complex or multiple disabilities.
* I have a mental health condition.
* I am non-speaking, unreliably-speaking, or use AAC.
* I am LGBTQIA+.
* I am a person of color or otherwise identify as a racial minority.
* I am a senior/part of the elderly community.
* I live in a rural community.
* I prefer not to answer.

Do you require accommodations during your presentation (for example: technology support, a particular timeslot, etc.)?

*Please don’t ask for a particular timeslot unless you need one as an accommodation.*

By typing your name here you agree to all of the above and confirm that you are available to present during the 2022 Autistic Community Summit. This typed name represents your signature.\*