

2020 Character.org National Forum

October 1-3, 2020, Washington, DC

Wardman Park Marriott

Call for Program Proposals

Character.org invites you to submit a proposal to present at the 2020 National Forum. We'll be announcing our 2020 theme in the coming weeks, but we're always looking for content that displays successful initiatives in schools, workplaces, sports, and communities. We want to develop not just Schools of Character, but full Communities of Character with the help of schools, families, sports and workplaces. This work will never be finished though. We want to keep growing even after reaching our goals. It's about the journey so much more than the destination.

Consider presenting this fall, Oct. 2-3, as we bring together leading experts as well as hundreds of top educators, coaches, and community leaders from across the nation and world to celebrate exemplary people of character, explore emerging topics and grow together on this character journey.

We want to celebrate all of the work we've all accomplished together this year and before, but we also want to energize our network and keep growing in our mission.

In a continued effort to expand the reach of character, we're interested in breakouts related to character development in sports, workplaces, families, and the larger community in addition to schools. As always, we look for the latest in **research** to explore the data on what works. We'd like to see **innovative ideas and best practices** that you have developed in your classrooms, schools, teams, workplaces, and communities. Here are some suggested topics from conference participants and ones we'd like to see covered:

- Assessment
- Leadership and citizenship
- Character development for families
- Strategies for getting buy in
- Community outreach and involvement
- Youth voice and youth leadership
- Global connections
- Intrinsic motivation
- Successful initiatives to improve adult culture

Educators, coaches, business leaders, and others are invited to submit program ideas. All session proposals should tie back to [Character.org's 11 Principles of Effective Character](#).

Special consideration will be given to innovative presentations that emphasize audience participation. Attendees always prefer hands-on, activity-driven sessions. Character.org is also looking for sessions to help newcomers to character development get started, particularly schools without a lot of resources. Veteran programs are also looking for ways to keep their programs engaging and relevant.

Audio-Visual Equipment: Each breakout room will come equipped with an LCD projector and screen at no additional cost to presenters after their reduced registration fees. We expect that presenters will provide their own laptops. We will provide microphones and sound systems only in the larger rooms. **If you have audio to play for your session, please bring your own speakers.**

Contact Heather Cazad at heather@character.org for more information.

Proposal Guidelines

1. Please do not submit a proposal unless you are available to attend the entire conference. Attendees look forward to meeting with presenters throughout the conference.
2. Character.org does not pay honoraria or expenses for breakout session presenters. **All presenters are expected to register at a discounted rate.**
3. Exhibitors responding to the call for proposals must identify themselves as such on the application. If accepted, the Forum program will identify you as both an exhibitor and a presenter.
4. A proposal whose essential purpose is to advertise or disseminate information about books, materials, or services for sale will not be accepted. Exhibit space and advertising in the program will be available.
5. Presenters are responsible for providing their own handouts for attendees at their sessions.

[Submit your Proposal Online](#)

Proposals must be received by March 2, 2020.

Character.org will notify each person submitting a proposal about the proposal's status by April 15.