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TEDxOrangeCoast Kicks Off “Ideas Worth Doing” TEDxTeenChallenge 2014

What is *TEDxTeenChallenge*?

TEDxTeenChallenge is an annual contest organized by *TEDxOrangeCoast*. It is a search for innovative, collaborative and/or socially impactful ideas worth doing, along with a brief action plan of proposed next steps.

The purpose of *TEDxTeenChallenge* is to foster exceptional teen talent in Orange County, especially in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM).

Who may apply?

TEDxTeenChallenge is free and open to all OC-based teens (AGES 13-19).

How do you apply?

Teens (not parents) may apply on line at www.tedxorangecoast/teen. Applications are being accepted through August 31st, 2014. Applications are being accepted through August 31, 2014, although we strongly encourage you to apply before the end of the school year!

You may apply more than once. Submit each idea under a separate application.

What are the selection criteria?

Winning ideas will address one or more of the following criteria:

- **Innovative:** An idea with a novel approach for addressing a problem
- **Collaborative:** A concept that will engage or enlist others
- **Social Impact:** A solution with a positive and measurable impact on our community

Who selects the winners?

Applications are reviewed and finalists will be selected by the *TEDxOrangeCoast* volunteer panel. Finalists will be invited to the 4th annual *TEDxOrangeCoast* event in September 2014, where winners will be announced live at the event.



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What happens if you win the *TEDxTeenChallenge*?

If you are selected, you and your idea will be featured at the *TEDxOrangeCoast* annual event, where you will be awarded a cash prize. Perhaps most important, you will be matched with a mentor in the community who will work with you to help fulfill your idea. Depending on the nature of the project, time may count towards school community service credit.

Who are some past winners?

Last year was the inaugural year for *TEDxTeenChallenge*. The winners were:

- **Caroline Nguyen** – Raising Awareness for Human Trafficking in Orange County
- **Sophie Smith** (Young Singers of Orange County) – Sustaining a Student-Led Community Choir
- **Ismael Kotob** – Secure Alcohol Systems Help Prevent Underage Drinking

About *TEDxOrangeCoast*

TEDxOrangeCoast is a non-profit, independently organized TED event devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading through annual conferences featuring fascinating doers and thinkers who present in 18 minutes or less. Its scope has broadened to include the *TEDxTeenChallenge*, which promotes Ideas Worth Doing. *TEDxOrangeCoast* brings together a like-minded community of curious, highly engaged learners committed to inspiring change through positive actions. There are about 1,700 TED talks online, featuring everybody from Bill Gates to Chris Hadfield to Rodney Mullen.

Learn more at www.TEDxOrangeCoast.com.

The *TEDxOrangeCoast* Approach

- Bring together world-class innovators, designers, educators and explorers to inspire people.
- Connect attendees in ways that encourage conversation, interaction and further collaboration.
- Promote Orange County as the hub for innovation and serve as the catalyst for ongoing engagement in the community.

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