



# WAYNE COUNTY

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Wayne Education Network

## Speakers Bureau Application

The Wayne Education Network (WEN), a program of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and the Wayne Charitable Partnership, Inc. was formed with representatives from Wayne County Public Schools, Wayne Community College, Wayne County Development Alliance, University of Mount Olive, Wayne County Public Library, Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, City of Goldsboro, County of Wayne and the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. The group created an Education Council along with multiple committees working towards the benefit of education in our area. These committees are working on projects such as the Teacher Job Fair, enhanced Teacher Incentive Package, *'The Golden Rule – Our Business Measures Up'*, Teacher Grants and Workforce Development, just to name a few.

In recent years, the Middle School Career Fair was implemented as a result of the great efforts of WEN. This county-wide event is open to public, private and home school students. The one-day event involves interactive demonstrations and significant dialogue between business representatives from the various career clusters studied by middle school students.

We are pleased to announce our latest initiative: 'Speaker's Bureau.' We are seeking business professionals in the area to go into the classrooms and share their experiences with the students. Research has shown us that this age is a pivotal time when a student may lose focus; what a great opportunity for our children to get excited about the many career opportunities available.

Imagine our youth actively engaged in a conversation with a respected professional member of our community. Through the Wayne County Public Schools and the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Wayne Education Network Speakers Bureau, youth throughout our community now have access to community professionals who have volunteered to share their knowledge and expertise with students in our schools.

At first glance, the WEN Speakers Bureau is a cadre of committed and articulate professionals able to make strong and effective presentations to the youth in our community. A deeper look reveals that it is a tool for building intergenerational bridges of understanding, respect, and trust.

Speakers provide real-life examples that can never be fully communicated through classroom lecture and discussion. Young people have the opportunity to gain information and insight from speakers in such areas as: career planning, educational options, community resources, organizational skills, job opportunities, and service learning opportunities.

To request a speaker, teachers can consult the speaker's list and determine if a particular speaker might benefit the lesson plan outcomes. Then contact Janet Brock at the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce to receive contact information to determine availability dates and needs. If you are interested in joining the Speakers Bureau, please complete the attached application and return it to Janet Brock, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1107, Goldsboro, NC 27533 or email [janetb@waynecountychamber.com](mailto:janetb@waynecountychamber.com). For additional information, contact Janet at (919) 734-2241.

# Sign Up Today!

## Speakers Bureau Volunteer Application

Volunteer's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Professional Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Training Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken (other than English) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not lived in NC for the past 7 years list other residences including street address, city and state. Also, include how long you have lived at each address. If necessary, use a separate sheet

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*Note: Applicant understands the importance of limiting volunteer opportunities in the schools to persons of good character and reputation in order to provide strong role models for children. Therefore, in accordance with the Wayne County Public School policy number 7100, a criminal records check will be conducted on all participants prior to acceptance into the WEN Speaker's Bureau program*

Please provide three references (2 Professional and 1 Personal):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person to be notified in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

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(Relationship to Speaker) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

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Brief description and self-biography (100 words or less) of session content for selection and marketing purposes:

