DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKER?

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL THAT WOULD INSPIRE OTHERS TO ACT?

HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCARCERATION, HOMELESSNESS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

IF SO THEN THE SPEAKERS BUREAU MAY BE THE PLACE FOR YOU.

CFLS’ Speaker’s Bureau is a place where women, who have been victimized, homeless and incarcerated, have a venue to learn to speak publically about their lived experiences thus educating the community about their needs while spreading the message about this growing issue. The Speakers Bureau allows speakers to define ways the audience can be of help both financially and through volunteerism and advocacy, as well as to provide an opportunity to earn income while learning to speak publicly. Participants selected for this initiative are required to participate in 20 hours of training, will be assigned an individual coach and will become eligible to participate in paid speaking engagements upon completion of the program. Additionally, participants will receive $25.00 per hour for the 20 hours of training and will sharpen their presentation skills and be part of a group of fearless women who are willing to share a personal part of their self in order to educate the community.

If you decide to apply for this program please be aware that in order to build the cohort experience, participation in the program will require you to attend all meetings and convenings. Failure to attend **all** sessions will leave you ineligible to participate in paid speaking engagements. Your first payment will be provided after you have completed the first 10 hours of training and the final payment will occur when you have completed the final 10 hours of the training. Payment will **not** be made for incomplete or missed sessions. A session is defined as 10 hours of training.

The program is recruiting candidates for participation now and will begin the first public speaking training March 23, 2019. Subsequent trainings are scheduled for March 30, 2019, April 6, 2019 and April 13, 2019.

The project strives to reach the following:

* Participants will earn an income and gain a valuable public speaking skill that will aid them in their current and future goals
* Participants will educate the community about the experience of how gender impacts their recovery from domestic violence, homelessness and incarceration
* Participants will help dispel the myths and stereotypes about what it’s like to survive and endure domestic violence, human trafficking incarceration and homelessness and sometimes all four.
* Participants will increase their confidence and accountability to act on their own ideas and decisions and will begin to shape and strengthen an effective public speaking style.
* Leaders will be intentional in their choices and will be conscious of those external factors that may be influencing the understanding of their personal and professional goals.

If you are interested in applying for this great opportunity please download the application and email to [msgolden@cflsdc.org](mailto:msgolden@cflsdc.org).

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