LYLAS | LOVE YOU LIKE A SISTER

2027 CALL FOR SPEAKERS SUBMISSION

INSTRUCTIONS & TIP SHEET

Reclaim. Renew. Rise.

Thank you for your interest in speaking with Love You Like a Sister (LYLAS)! We create intentional spaces where Black women feel seen, supported, and empowered through honest conversations, leadership development, wellness, and sisterhood. We welcome speakers, facilitators, and subject matter experts who bring actionable insights and authentic perspectives.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout 2027. Early submissions are encouraged.

SPEAKER APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Submit one Speaker Submission Form and indicate interest in one or both programming opportunities.
- Applications are reviewed for relevance, expertise, audience engagement, and alignment with the LYLAS mission.
- Selected applicants may be invited to an exploratory conversation; neither an application nor a conversation guarantees selection.
- Selected speakers receive confirmation with event details and expectations. Proposals may be retained for future consideration.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Provide your name, title, organization, contact details, 100–150-word bio, professional link, relevant expertise, preferred format, and speaking experience (if applicable). Include:

- Proposed title and a brief description explaining why the topic matters to Black women professionals.
- Three to five discussion points or audience takeaways, plus two to three questions to encourage dialogue.
- Your unique expertise or perspective and how you would facilitate an engaging, interactive conversation.

PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS & FIRESIDE CHATS | Virtual

Interactive roundtables and moderated conversations exploring leadership, workplace experiences, career growth, relationships, and well-being. Guest perspectives should support candid dialogue and practical next steps.

2. UNFILTERED: THE SISTERHOOD DINNER SERIES | In person

Regional gatherings combining facilitated conversation, connection, and an elevated dining experience for approximately 100+ Black women professionals (planning target). Potential markets include Las Vegas, New York, and Atlanta. Signature theme: The State of Black Women in Corporate America.

Target audience

- Black women professionals across industries; emerging and established leaders
- Corporate executives, people managers, entrepreneurs, and business owners
- HR, talent, and inclusion professionals; women navigating career transitions

We are especially interested in proposals that

- Address emerging challenges and opportunities for Black women at work
- Examine barriers to advancement and offer practical leadership strategies
- Explore identity, workplace experiences, well-being, and timely economic or social issues
- Create space for candid discussion, reflection, and community problem-solving

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sessions are dialogue-centered. Speakers may participate in moderated or shared conversations rather than solo sessions. Event dates, locations, formats, and participation are subject to confirmation.

TIPS FOR A STRONG SUBMISSION

- Be specific about the challenge and why it matters.
- Go beyond inspiration with actionable takeaways.
- Center the unique experiences of Black women professionals.
- Build authentic dialogue and meaningful participation into the session.

- Highlight what makes your perspective distinctive.
- Show how your session helps participants Reclaim, Renew, or Rise.

SPEAKER SELECTION CRITERIA

- Mission alignment — advances leadership, wellness, empowerment, and Black women
- Content relevance — addresses a meaningful challenge, opportunity, or trend
- Expertise and credibility — relevant professional or lived experience
- Practical application — actionable tools, strategies, or perspectives
- Audience engagement — authentic conversation and reflection
- Unique perspective — distinctive experience or approach

Together, we can help Black women Reclaim. Renew. Rise.

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