

# Speak Truth to Power: Stand Up, Speak Up

## Participant Application - Texas 2021

Susan G. Komen invites applications from individuals interested in attending the 2021 Speak Truth to Power: Stand Up, Speak Up Training for Texas.

Komen is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization, working to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Komen has an unmatched, comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts and supporting millions of people in the U.S. and in countries worldwide. We advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high-quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. You can learn more about Komen at [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org).

Komen will not achieve its mission without focusing on the Black community where the negative impact of breast cancer is the most devastating. Black women are more than 40 percent more likely to die of breast cancer than their white counterparts. Through the Speak Truth to Power: Stand Up, Speak Up Training, Komen will convene health advocates from the Black community to learn about the role of state-based public policy and advocacy in reducing breast cancer disparities and the importance of engaging in these efforts.

The training series will convene state-based cohorts in a 6- week training series, beginning on **Monday, February 22, 2021**. The training will include weekly learning modules that must be accessed via an online learning system and a weekly discussion using videoconferencing.

### Participant objectives:

- To gain an understanding of how historical health inequities and social determinants of health have impacted the health systems in their state.
- To gain an understanding of the role you, as advocates, play in addressing these health inequities and how policy can be used to positively address the issues impacting health systems in your state.
- To apply learnings from the training through proposals for interventions to address the identified barriers.
- To enhance and strengthen your personal network of like-minded individuals in support of a common goal of eliminating health inequities.

### Ideal applicants will be:

- Passionate about achieving breast health equity within the Black community.
- Able to access online training platform and participate in all scheduled videoconferences.
- Motivated to take a seat at the policy tables where important breast cancer decisions are made and openly express ideas and offer objective perspectives and solutions.
- Committed to continuing efforts to engage in public policy and advocacy activities in their own communities after the 6-week training series.
- Dedicated to advocating for Komen's breast cancer [public policy and advocacy positions](#).
- Willing to learn about the legislative process or have prior experience.
- Currently involved in the activities of a breast cancer organization (preferred).

### Application Process:

To increase the effectiveness of this training, participation is limited to 20 individuals and only the top applicants will be selected.

- Please complete the following application and submit to [sttp@komen.org](mailto:sttp@komen.org).
- Letter(s) of recommendation are not required, but may also be submitted along with your application.
- All applications must be submitted by 5pm CT on **Thursday, February 4, 2021**.
- Komen will notify all applicants of selection or non-selection via email no later than **Friday, February 12, 2021**.

Questions: [sttp@komen.org](mailto:sttp@komen.org)

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Mailing Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

**Phone Number**

**E-mail**

**Employer/Occupation**

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**Gender** Female  
Male  
Transgender or gender non-conforming

**Race** American Indian or Alaska Native  
Asian  
Black or African American  
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
White  
Bi-Racial

**Ethnicity** Hispanic  
Latinx  
Non-Hispanic  
Non-Latinx  
Multi-ethnic

**Age Group** 18 - 30  
31 - 40  
41 - 50  
51 - 60  
61 - 70  
71 +

Highest Level of  
Formal Education

- Some High School
- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Technical or Vocational Certificate
- Junior/Community College Degree
- Some College
- Undergraduate Degree
- Post Graduate Degree
- Professional Degree

**How would you  
describe yourself?  
(Check all that apply)**

- Breast cancer survivor
- Living with breast cancer
- Survivor or living with another type of cancer
- Family member of someone with breast cancer
- Friend of someone with breast cancer
- Caregiver of someone with breast cancer
- None of the above

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**Briefly describe your specific areas of interests regarding Komen’s advocacy and public policy work.**

**What are the most pressing issues for the Black community impacted by breast cancer in your community and/or state?**

**What role does public policy and/or advocacy have in addressing the issue(s)?**

**Share with us what you hope to gain from your participation in the training series.**

**Share with us how you will use what you learn in your own community?**

**Describe in detail your involvement in community-based organizations (i.e. leadership roles, advocacy, and volunteer activities).**

**List any Komen events or activities in which you have participated in the last three years (i.e. Involvement with local Affiliate, Advocacy Summit, webinar trainings).**

**Please list any other additional information you would like to share.**

**Affirmation Statement:** I understand that if selected to participate in Speak Truth to Power: Stand Up, Speak Up, I will be expected to participant during the six week series, attend all teleconference meetings and have the opportunity for continued involvement with Komen's Center for Public Policy following the training series.

**Signature**