**giftED24 Make A Case Toolkit**

Are you passionate about nurturing the exceptional minds of gifted individuals? Do you strive to provide them with opportunities to thrive, explore their talents, and reach their fullest potential? Look no further, because giftED24 is the perfect event for you. **TAGT wants to help you make the case for why you should take part in this must-attend event for any educator working with gifted or advanced students. We invite you to copy and paste any of the points below when reaching out to your principal or district about attending this event.**

[Date]

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to request your permission and support to attend the highly anticipated giftED24 conference, which will be held from **December 4-6 in San Antonio**. As a dedicated [your position], I believe that this event presents a unique opportunity for me to enhance my knowledge and skills in nurturing the exceptional minds of gifted individuals.

The giftED24 conference, organized by the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT), promises an unparalleled platform for educators, administrators, parents, and advocates working with gifted or advanced students. Allow me to present a few compelling reasons why my attendance at this event would greatly benefit our organization:

**Unparalleled Expertise:** giftED24 brings together the brightest minds in the field of gifted education. Renowned educators, psychologists, researchers, and thought leaders who have dedicated their careers to understanding and supporting gifted learners will share their expertise.

**Engaging Workshops and Sessions:** The conference offers a diverse range of workshops and sessions tailored to the needs and interests of educators, administrators, parents, and advocates. Whether it's practical classroom strategies, addressing social-emotional needs, or exploring new teaching approaches, the program has been carefully curated to provide actionable takeaways.

**Networking Opportunities:** giftED24 facilitates connections and collaborations with like-minded professionals and passionate individuals from around the globe. By participating in this event, I will have the chance to network, exchange ideas, and establish long-lasting relationships with experts and peers who share our dedication to gifted education.

**Access to Resources:** giftED24 provides access to a wealth of resources specifically tailored for gifted education. By attending, I will be able to explore these resources and bring back valuable tools that can enhance our teaching, counseling, or parenting strategies, enabling us to better meet the unique needs of gifted learners.

I truly believe that attending giftED24 will greatly benefit our [school/district] and my professional growth. I kindly request your support in granting me the necessary time off and financial assistance to cover the registration fee, travel expenses, and accommodation for the duration of the event.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

**Attendee Expense Worksheet**

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| **Expense** | **Cost Savings Tips** | **Costs** |
| Registration for the full event | Register by September 27 to save up to $100 | Early Bird rate/members: $399  Early Bird rate/non-members: $499 |
|  | Register by November 17 | Regular rate/members: $499  Regular rate/non-members: $599 |
| Cost per education hour | This is a great way to earn up to 15 education hours | $\_\_\_\_education hour |
| Hotel | Booking at the host hotel, San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter by November 11 will save me time and money. | $214/night for conference attendees |
| Travel | Book early for best rates. | [insert transportation costs] |
| Parking | 25% off posted hotel price. | $TBD |
| Breakfast | On my own each day. | ~$20 |
| Lunch | On my own each day. | ~$25 |
| Daily networking events | Included each day of the convention. | $0 |
| Membership dues | Becoming a TAGT member allows me to save up $100 on registration. | $80 |