



5 Steps to Recording Your StoryCorps App Interview

With the StoryCorps app you can prepare, record, and share a conversation between you and another person.

Here are 5 steps to help you get started

Download the StoryCorps App



Download the StoryCorps app and create an account. This account will be used to record, save, and share your interviews. Once you log in, you can upload interviews to your profile from the app or using the desktop version at StoryCorps.me.

Partner, Prep, and Place



To record an interview, all you'll need is a partner, some prep time, and a quiet place. The partner can be anyone you'd like to get to know better. The app will prompt you to select questions before you begin your interview, or you can use your own. Choosing a quiet place where you will not be interrupted will improve the sound quality of your recording.

Have a Conversation



Follow the prompts in the app to begin recording, and let the conversation flow! Listen closely and let your chosen questions guide the discussion, not control it. Make sure to ask follow-up questions. You never know what unexpected and wonderful new things you will learn about a person-no matter how well you think you know them.

Enter Photo, Title, and Keywords



After the interview, you'll be prompted to take a selfie with your partner, title your interview, and add keywords before uploading. Titles should be descriptive to help you keep track of your conversations. Keywords work like hashtags, making it easier for you and others to find your interview on the StoryCorps.me platform.

Share and Archive Your Interview



Finally, you will have the option to share your interview with the community. Once your interview is uploaded, you can share it with the world via URL, social media, or embeddable audio from the StoryCorps.me platform. It will also be added to the archive at the American Folklife Center at the United States Library of Congress.

EXTRA ADVICE: Background information on the StoryCorps app. and answers to many of your questions, can be found in the menu sections of the StoryCorps app titled





If you prefer, you can visit our website at StoryCorps.me for even more information. You can also listen to some classic StoryCorps interviews to get inspired.







Every story matters. What's your Midwest ACE Story?

What is StoryCorps?

StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected more than 60,000 interviews -- the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered. Recordings are archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress so that future generations can hear the stories – and the voices – of today. **Note that any stories you record and publish will be stored (publicly) on the StoryCorps website.**

How to Record Your Story Today

- Follow the instructions on the other side of this sheet to download the StoryCorps app on your phone.
- Find a partner to have a conversation with/interview. The room is full of interesting people with unique and powerful stories! You can also interview yourself if you prefer.
- Here are suggested questions for kicking off your conversations:
 - What's your Midwest ACE Story?
 - How has learning about ACEs and historical trauma impacted your life or work?
 - What's your healing story?
 - What is something that has helped you, your family, or your community heal?
- When you have finished recording your conversation, include the keywords "Midwest ACE Stories" in your title to make it easy for Summit participants to find on https://storycorps.me.

For help downloading the app or recording your conversation, ask a Summit volunteer.