



FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Sponsorship Program

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FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams have 10+ student members in grades 7-12. FTC teams are challenged to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.

Existing Team Sponsorship: Public middle or high schools and community organizations in the MBC service area with an existing FTC team are eligible for annual sponsorship from MBC. Each team receives \$1,500 a year to cover the costs of team registration, entry for two events and the kit of parts. Requirements for existing team sponsorship include:

- Funding provided by this grant must be used in its entirety to develop the FTC team at the location specified
- School division/organization must sign memorandum of understanding to agree to fund and otherwise continue to support the FTC team for a minimum of 1 full year/season
- Team must participate in at least one tournament during each FTC season, provided the events are held
- Team must complete a survey provided by the SVRTC after build season and competitions

New Team Sponsorship: Public middle or high schools and community organizations in the MBC service area wanting to start a new (“rookie”) FTC team are eligible in their first year to receive the \$1,500 annual sponsorship for team registration, entry for two events, and the kit of parts, plus up to \$500 in additional funds as a dollar-to-dollar match for their fundraising efforts. Requirements for new team sponsorship include:

- To receive the matching grant funds, school must not have had an FTC or FRC team during the two years prior to receiving this grant, except in the case that the new FTC team is in addition to an FRC team at the location specified
- Funding provided by this grant must be used in its entirety to create and develop a new FTC team at the location specified
- School division/organization must sign memorandum of understanding to agree to fund and otherwise continue to support the new FTC team for a minimum of 1 full year/season
- New team must participate in at least one tournament during each FTC season, provided the events are held
- Team must complete a survey provided by the SVRTC after build season and competitions

For guidance on creating a new FTC team, please visit www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc/start-a-team

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Team Name: _____ FIRST Team Number: _____

School: _____ City/County: _____

Existing Team New Team Year Established: _____ # of Students: _____ # of Mentors: _____

Mentor 1: _____ Mentor 2: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Make Sponsorship Payable To: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Team Website or Facebook Page: _____

I certify that the team for which I am requesting this sponsorship meets the requirements defined above.

Signature: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Please return Sponsorship Request and Memorandum of Understanding to MBC (scan/email to liz.smith@mbc-va.com)

For more information, visit www.sovar.svrtc.org