

THE AWARDS



REGIONAL AWARDS

Chairman's Award - Regional

The Chairman's Award represents the spirit of *FIRST*. It honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and which embodies the goals and purpose of *FIRST*. It remains the most prestigious team award *FIRST* presents.

FIRST recognizes teams for their exemplary efforts in spreading the *FIRST* message, as well as their talents in organizing materials for their presentations. The *FIRST* Robotics Competition is about much more than the mechanics of building a robot or winning a competitive event. It is about the impact *FIRST* has on those who participate in the program and the impact of *FIRST* on the community at large. The *FIRST* mission is to change the way America's young people regard science and technology and to inspire an appreciation for the real-life rewards and career opportunities in these fields. The Chairman's Award was created to keep the central focus of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition as our ultimate goal for transforming the culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology, as well as encourage more of today's youth to become scientists, engineers, and technologists.

The Allaire Medal - Leadership Exemplified

The Allaire Medal is given to the student on the winning Chairman's Award team who has demonstrated outstanding leadership on his/her *FIRST* team, within his/her school and community, and whose personal character best embodies the spirit of *FIRST*.

Engineering Inspiration

This award celebrates a team's outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers, both within their school as well as their community. Criteria include: the extent and inventiveness of the team's efforts to recruit students to engineering, the extent and effectiveness of the team's community outreach efforts, and the measurable success of those efforts. This is the second highest team award *FIRST* bestows.

Regional Champion

This award celebrates the alliance teams that win the competition.

Regional Finalist

This award celebrates the alliance teams that make it to the final match of the competition.

Woodie Flowers Finalist Award

Small Parts, Inc. presents the Woodie Flowers Award to an outstanding engineer or teacher participating in each of the robotics Regional Competitions. Students choose and write about a person on their team who best demonstrates excellence in teaching science, math, and creative design to recognize mentors who lead, inspire, and empower using excellent communication skills.

Delphi - “Driving Tomorrow’s TechnologyTM”

This award celebrates an elegant and advantageous machine feature. This award recognizes any aspect of engineering elegance including, but not limited to: design, wiring methods, material selection, programming techniques, and unique machine attributes. The criteria for this award are based on the team’s ability to concisely describe verbally, as well as demonstrate, this chosen machine feature.

General Motors - Industrial Design

This award celebrates form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively achieves the game challenge.

Judges’ Awards

During the course of the competition, the judging panel may encounter a team whose unique efforts, performance, or dynamics merit recognition.

Motorola - Quality

This award celebrates machine robustness in concept and fabrication.

RadioShack® Innovation in Control

This award celebrates an innovative control system or application of control components to provide unique machine functions.

Xerox - Creativity

This award celebrates creative design, use of a component, or a creative or unique strategy of play.

Johnson & Johnson - Sportsmanship

This award celebrates outstanding sportsmanship and continuous gracious professionalism in the heat of competition, both on and off the playing field.

Imagery

This award celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration from the machine to team appearance.

Industrial Safety Award

This award celebrates the team that progresses beyond safety fundamentals by using innovative ways to eliminate or protect against hazards. The winning team consistently demonstrates excellence in industrial safety performance that shines throughout the competition from uncrating to re-pack.

Autodesk Visualization Award

Presented by Autodesk, Inc., this award recognizes excellence in student animation that clearly and creatively illustrates the spirit of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition. Autodesk will award excellence in content, creativity, and mastery of multimedia.

Autodesk Inventor Award

The Autodesk Inventor Award honors the team that best uses Autodesk Inventor software to design their 2006 *FIRST* Robotics Competition robot. Entrants are required to post various drawings and photographs of their robot onto a website, as well as post their Autodesk Inventor files onto Autodesk Streamline.

DaimlerChrysler - Team Spirit

This award celebrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit through exceptional partnership and teamwork.

Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers - Entrepreneurship

This award celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit. This award recognizes a team, which since its inception has developed the framework for a comprehensive business plan in order to scope, manage, and obtain team objectives. This team displays entrepreneurial enthusiasm and the vital business skills for a self-sustaining program.

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Champion

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Championship Finalist

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Woodie Flowers Award

Small Parts, Inc. presents The Woodie Flowers Award to an outstanding engineer or teacher participating in the robotics competition. This person best demonstrates excellence in teaching science, math, and creative design and is chosen from among the Regional winners for this award. This award was presented in 1996 to its inaugural recipient, Dr. Woodie Flowers, Pappalardo Professor of Mechanical Engineering at MIT and National Advisor for *FIRST*.

Division Champion

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