



FIRST[®] 2014 FRC[®] Rookie Team Grant Instructions

Calling all FIRST[®] Robotics Competition (FRC[®]) Rookie teams!

FIRST[®] is excited to announce a NEW funding opportunity exclusively available to Rookie teams participating in the 2014 FIRST[®] Robotics Competition (FRC[®]) season! This funding has been provided by the Argosy Foundation along with other generous supporters of FIRST.

Details about the FIRST[®] 2014 FRC[®] Rookie Team Grant:

- Awarded teams will receive \$7,000 (restricted to registration only) over the course of 3 seasons
 - Teams will receive \$4,000 in season 1; \$2,000 in season 2; \$1,000 in season 3
 - FRC teams will be required to raise the remaining \$2,000 of the \$6,000 rookie team registration fee
- Teams must apply for grant and meet all criteria in order to be eligible
- Teams must fulfill grant obligations outlined below to receive year 2 & 3 disbursements

Grant criteria and obligations:

- Teams must be from a country that has an existing FRC Regional event.
- Teams should have at least one committed Mentor.
- Application must include copy of team business plan. (see attached sample)
- In order to foster a culture of Gracious Professionalism[®], Awardees must share lessons learned after their Rookie season.
 - Ex.: upload team fundraising materials to the FIRST Community website; post lessons learned to Facebook, etc.
- In the interest of making everyone better and creating more self-sustaining teams, awardees must also demonstrate how they helped another FIRST Rookie team after their second season (Rookie team can participate in any FIRST program, not limited to FRC).
 - Ex.: a letter from the team that received support
- FIRST will be collaborating with local FIRST Regional Director when considering applications. To find your FIRST Regional Director, please click [here](#).

IMPORTANT: failure to perform post-award obligations forfeits year 2 and 3 funding.

Applications can be found [here](#) and must be submitted no later than noon EST on November 8th and must include a business plan. Questions should be directed to FRCTeams@usfirst.org or (800)871-8326 x0. Teams will be notified of whether or not they received the award on December 2, 2013.

Please note that completing an application does not guarantee funding and all teams should be actively fundraising and seeking additional funding opportunities.

Please find additional fundraising and grant opportunities [here](#). Be sure to keep an eye out for our exciting new Fundraising Toolkit coming out in early October!