On behalf of *FIRST*®, we look forward to welcoming your team to Houston if you qualify for the 2027 *FIRST*® Championship.

Housing Requirement:

FIRST requires all teams competing at Championship to book housing accommodations within designated hotel blocks to compete at the event. *FIRST* partners with ConferenceDirect offering over 175 pre-approved hotels, ensuring accessibility, and availability for all qualified teams. Upon qualification, your team will receive an invitation from ConferenceDirect (FIRSTTeams@conferencedirect.com) to begin the housing and badging process.

Hotel Insurance & Security Requirements

Insurance:
Hotels must maintain insurance coverage sufficient to cover potential liabilities and provide proof upon request.

Security Measures:

- Hotels are informed of the large number of minors in attendance. Housekeeping staff will report any concerning activity (e.g., alcohol, illegal substances, or room damage) to hotel management or security.
- Hotel security will coordinate with local law enforcement and event venue security as needed.
- All fire safety and security systems must comply with local regulations and be fully operational.
- Auxiliary entrances will remain locked, with access granted only via room key.
- Hotel management will maintain direct contact with *FIRST* personnel or event organizers in case of any issues.

Budgeting Information

For pre-approval purposes, the hotels in the *FIRST* housing program offer a range of pricing from $102 (+19% local taxes per night) to $370 (+19% local taxes per night). If pre-approval of travel expenses is required before your team qualifies, we recommend using the following formula:

Multiply Hotel Rate + Taxes (19%) by number of rooms needed.

Hotel Rate	Taxes	Total (rate + taxes)	# of Rooms Needed	Total Estimate
Hotel Rate	19%	Add Rate x taxes		$

As this is only an estimate, once qualified, and upon fully booking your reservations into your selected hotel, final hotel costs may be higher or lower than this estimate. Teams are responsible for paying all registration fees, travel, accommodation, and related expenses. For more information regarding 2027 *FIRST* Championship travel to Houston please visit our website https://www.firstchampionship.org