

Award	Description	Selected By	Regional Event	District Event	District Championship Division (Multiple Divisions)	District Championship (Single Division)	FIRST Championship Division	FIRST Championship
Autonomous Award Sponsored by Ford	Celebrates the team that has demonstrated consistent, reliable high performance during match autonomous periods. Evaluation is based on the robot's ability to sense its surroundings, position itself within the field, and plan and execute tasks.	Judges					X	
Chairman's Award*	The most prestigious award at <i>FIRST</i> , it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of <i>FIRST</i> .	Chairman's Judge Panel (application and interview process)	X	X		X		X
Creativity Award Sponsored by Xerox	Celebrates creativity in design, use of component, or strategy of play.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
Engineering Inspiration Award**	Celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school and community.	Judges	X	X		X	X	
Entrepreneurship Award* Sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit by recognizing a team that has developed the framework for a comprehensive business plan to scope, manage, and achieve team objectives.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
Excellence in Engineering Sponsored by Delphi	Celebrates an elegant and advantageous machine feature.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
FIRST Dean's List Award*	Celebrates outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at attaining <i>FIRST</i> ideals is exemplary.	Dean's List Judge Panel (nomination & review)	X			X		X

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<u>Gracious Professionalism Award Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson</u>	Celebrates outstanding demonstration for <i>FIRST</i> Core Values such as continuous <i>Gracious Professionalism</i> and working together both on and off the playing field.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
Highest Rookie Seed Award	Celebrates the highest-seeded rookie team at the conclusion of the qualification rounds.	Robot Performance	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Imagery Award in honor of Jack Kamen</u>	In honor of Jack Kamen, Dean's father, for his dedication to art and illustration and his devotion to <i>FIRST</i> . This award celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration of machine and team appearance.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Industrial Design Award Sponsored by General Motors</u>	Celebrates form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively addressed the game challenge.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Innovation in Control Award Sponsored by Rockwell Automation</u>	Celebrates an innovative control system or application of control components – electrical, mechanical, or software – to provide unique machine functions.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Judges' Award</u>	During the course of the competition, the judging panel may decide a team's unique efforts, performance, or dynamics merit recognition.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Quality Award Sponsored by Motorola Solutions Foundation</u>	Celebrates machine robustness in concept and fabrication.	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	

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Rookie All Star Award	Celebrates the rookie team exemplifying a young but strong partnership effort, as well as implementing the mission of <i>FIRST</i> to inspire students to learn more about science and technology.	Judges	X	X		X	X	
Rookie Inspiration Award Sponsored by National Instruments	Celebrates a rookie team's outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and Engineers, both within their school, as well as in their communities.	Judges	X	X		X	X	
Safety Award Sponsored by UL	Celebrates the team that progresses beyond safety fundamentals by using innovative ways to eliminate or protect against hazards.	Safety Advisors	X	X	X	X	X	
Team Spirit Award Sponsored by FCA Foundation	Celebrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit through exceptional partnership and teamwork furthering the objectives of <i>FIRST</i> .	Judges	X	X	X	X	X	
Volunteer of the Year Award (optional)	Presented to an individual, business, or organization that consistently excels in their efforts with proven results in the areas impact	Regional/District Planning Committee	X			X		X
Woodie Flowers Award* Sponsored by Dr. William Murphy	Presented to an outstanding Mentor in the robotics competition who best leads, inspires, and empowers their team using excellent communication skills. Note: WFA will only be presented at one <i>FIRST</i> Championship.	WFA Committee	X			X		X

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Finalist	Celebrates the alliance that makes it to the Final Match of the Competition.	Robot Performance	X	X	X	X	X***	X
Winner	Celebrates the alliance that wins the Final Match of the Competition.	Robot Performance	X	X	X	X	X***	X

*Teams need to submit for this Award. See [Submitted Awards](#).

**NASA is generously sponsoring the registration fees to the 2018 *FIRST* Championship for teams earning the Engineering Inspiration Award at District Championships and Regional Events that occur within the United States. They are also sponsoring the 2018 *FIRST* Championship registration fees for the eight teams that earn the Engineering Inspiration Award at the 2017 *FIRST* Championship.

***These awards are given at the *FIRST* Championship Sub-Division Level instead of the Division Level.

For awards not associated directly with individual events (Non-Event Awards), please see the Awards List [here](#).