

Example Budget for *FIRST*[®] Robotics Competition

Developing a budget is crucial to success in *FIRST* Robotics Competition as it helps each team understand approximately how much money to fundraise each season. For team sustainability, teams will want to end the season with some surplus, if possible, to help get them started in the next season.

Things to consider including in a budget include, but are not limited to:

- registration fees (teams who think they may qualify for District Championship or *FIRST* Championship should also include those additional fees),
- travel costs,
- additional robot and field construction items,
- robot shipping costs (especially prevalent for international teams travelling to attend an event),
- publicity and sponsorship materials, and
- any other expenses you think you may have.

The table below shows the average budgets reported to *FIRST*. Please note that your budget may differ from these depending on where you are located, events you attend, and number of team members and mentors.

	District	Regional	Outside North America
Registration Fees	\$8,000	\$7,500	\$11,000
Travel Expenses	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$28,000
Robot & Prototyping Parts	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$10,500
Field & Game Pieces	\$700	\$800	\$3,000
Outreach	\$600	\$500	\$1,500
Other (e.g. team shirts, team fun, etc.)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Total Average Budget	\$23,800	\$23,300	\$56,000