

2020-2021 *FIRST* Tech Challenge Rookie Team Grant FAQ and Process

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Why was my grant application declined?

We receive hundreds of grant applications each year and we choose among those that best meet the grant criteria. That process requires a comparison between grant applications. We use a rubric to select those that best fit. We do not share that rubric.

I was awarded a grant, where are my grant funds?

To utilize the grant funds they must first show up in your team registration account. This will occur after your team information has all been completed in your team registration account.

How do I use the funds?

When you complete the ordering process that includes your registration and any parts purchased in your cart, the total purchase price will be reduced by the amount of the grant automatically and shown in the checkout process.

What if I've already checked out prior to being awarded my grant?

If you are counting on a grant to help cover your costs you must wait to complete the checkout process until you are notified. If you complete the checkout process before you are notified you will not be able to apply the grant money and it will revert back into the grant pool to be awarded to another team.

Once I am awarded a grant what do I do?

Once you are awarded the grant, check to see if the grant is shown in your team registration account. Once your team information has all been completed in your team registration account, you must then utilize the grant within 30 days of it showing up in your team registration account. If your grant is not utilized and you do not register your team and use your grant to cover your team registration fee then the grant award will revert back to the grant pool for use with another team.

Why did one of my Teams receive a grant and the other did not?

All grants are determined based on the application. That process compares all grant applications in the pool of



applications and awards the ones with the highest expressed need. In some cases, minor differences determine those teams that qualify and those that do not.

Who do I send a thank you note to for receiving the grant?

Please send all thank you emails to ftcgrants@firstinspires.org or to HQ at:

FIRST Tech Challenge
200 Bedford St
c/o *FIRST* Tech Challenge Grants
Manchester, NH 03101

Additionally some teams may choose to recognize the grant sponsors in their signage or t-shirts which is appropriate.

Where is my team in the grant process?

When your team registers the applicant should receive a grant submission confirmation via an automatically generated email from Submittable. In the past some applicants have reported this email can be caught in spam filters. Check your spam folder if you do not receive a confirmation email directly upon submitting your grant application. Grant applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis. Each week those applying for grants will either be notified they have been awarded a grant, notified that they have been declined for a grant, or will not be notified at all, indicating they are still in the grant applicant pool.

Grant applicants that remain in the grant pool will be there for a maximum of 30 days, at which point they will either be notified that they've been awarded a grant or that they have been declined.

Can I resubmit for a grant after I have been declined?

No, each team may only apply once.

Can I combine this grant with other grants?

Yes, unless the other grants restrict this. There is no such restriction on this grant. You may only receive one registration grant per team, per season. The 2020 *FIRST* Tech Challenge Rookie Team Grant will not regrant funds to teams if your team has already purchased product or previously received a registration grant.

What will the 2020 FIRST Tech Challenge Team Grant Cover?

This rookie grant will cover your \$275 registration fee and \$225 worth of robotics kit product located in our *FIRST* Tech Challenge storefront for a total of \$500.

