

10.0 FIRST® Tech Challenge Dean's List

In an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding secondary school students, the Kamen family sponsors an award for selected 10th and 11th grade students known as the *FIRST* Robotics Competition and *FIRST* Tech Challenge Dean's List.

Similar to the very prestigious National Merit Scholarship Award winners, there are three (3) "categories" of *FIRST* Dean's List Award students:

1. **FIRST Dean's List Semi-finalists** – comprised of the two (2) students in their 10th or 11th grade school year nominated by each team.
2. **FIRST Dean's List Finalists** – comprised of the students (2, 3, or 4, depending on the region) selected at each State/Regions Championship.
3. **FIRST Dean's List Winners** – comprised of the ten (10) *FIRST* Robotics Competition and ten (10) *FIRST* Tech Challenge students selected from the applicable *FIRST* Dean's List Finalists at the *FIRST* Championship.

The students who earn *FIRST* Dean's List Award status as a Semi-finalists, Finalist or Winner, are great examples of student leaders who have led their *Teams* and communities to increased awareness for *FIRST* and its mission. These students have also achieved personal technical expertise and accomplishment. It is *FIRST*'s that these individuals will continue, post-award, as great leaders, student alumni, and advocates of *FIRST*.

Prestigious colleges have expressed great interest in meeting *FIRST* Dean's List's Award winners and *FIRST* hopes that each *Team* will take advantage of the opportunity to nominate the most qualified students as *FIRST* Dean's List Nominees!

For more information on the Dean's List Award, and to see past *FIRST* Tech Challenge winners, please visit our website! <http://www.firstinspires.org/Robotics/ftc/deans-list>

10.1 Eligibility

Every registered *FIRST* Tech Challenge *Team* can submit up to two (2) students as *FIRST* Dean's List Award Semi-Finalists.

- Students must be a sophomore (grade 10) or junior (grade 11) to be eligible for this award.
 - Note: For regions of the world that do not use grade levels such as this to identify years of schooling: This award is intended for students who are two (2) to three (3) years away from entering college or university. Students that would be attending college or university in the next academic year are not eligible. Mentors will be asked for the year of graduation during the nomination process.
- The coach or mentor nominating the student(s) must submit an essay explaining why the student should receive this award. The essay must be 4,000 characters or less.

10.2 Criteria

Criteria for selection of the *FIRST* Dean's List shall include, but not be limited to a student's:

- Demonstrated leadership and commitment to *FIRST* Core Values
- Effectiveness at increasing awareness of *FIRST* in their school and community
- Interest in and passion for a long-term commitment to *FIRST*

- Overall individual contribution to their team
- Technical expertise and passion
- Entrepreneurship and creativity
- Ability to motivate and lead fellow team members

10.3 Dean's List Nominations

There are specific instructions on how to submit Dean's List Nominations. There are two sets of instructions, The Dean's List Nomination Guide – US, and the Dean's List Nomination Guide – International. Please visit our [website](#) for a copy of the guides, which provides in depth information about the Dean's List, and step by step visual aids to complete the nominations.