Dr. Barton Aron Kamen, a long tenured and passionate FIRST® supporter, was a distinguished pediatric oncologist, cancer pharmacologist and devoted family man. Dr. Bart Kamen was known by his colleagues as a brilliant scholar, compassionate physician, dedicated mentor and gentle man whose unfettered enthusiasm for learning, teaching, talking science and challenging the mainstay with his out of the box thinking for betterment of care was unmatched.

Barton A. Kamen, 1948 - 2012

Renewal Grant Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a renewal grant of $10,000 a recipient of an initial grant must:

- Have enrolled in, and continued studies as a full-time student in, an Eligible Undergraduate Program since the initial grant, with academic performance which, in the opinion of the Grant Selection Committee, demonstrates that the student is likely to complete the Eligible Undergraduate Program and pursue a career in biomedical engineering or be admitted to medical school.
- Send a letter requesting renewal of the grant and attesting that the student is still enrolled in a full-time Eligible Undergraduate Program together with a copy of the student’s entire official transcript from the Eligible Undergraduate Program. Indicating successful completion of courses no later than June 1 to:
  Scholarships@usfirst.org
- Students who are awarded The Bart Kamen Memorial FIRST Scholarship must, annually, participate in a research project related to biomedical engineering or medicine, either with their school (as part of their studies or not) or independently (paid or unpaid). Students must annually, on or before June 1, furnish to the Grant Selection Committee a scholarly paper on the research completed during the applicable year.
- Annually furnish to FIRST a completed IRS form W-9.
- Students seeking a renewal grant will be notified of approval no later than July 1st at which time such student must furnish a completed IRS form W-9 to FIRST.
- Grant money will be sent to selected applicants (who have verified acceptance to, and enrollment in, an Eligible Undergraduate Program and who have furnished to FIRST a completed IRS form W-9), by August 31st.