



FIRST FIRST Mega Drive Make A Difference Day Robotics Grant



FIRST Team 340, sponsored by Churchville-Chili High School, Bausch + Lomb, Frontier Communications and GE Volunteers and *FIRST* Team 1511, sponsored by Penfield High School and Harris Corporation, won big for their joint Make A Difference Day project called *FIRST* MEGA Drive. Three million Americans joined together in service on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, as part of Make A Difference Day, the nation's largest day of community service sponsored by USA WEEKEND Magazine and Points of Light. Each April, projects from across the country are honored for their outstanding volunteer work during Make A Difference Day. The *FIRST* MEGA Drive was chosen as one of the 10 National Honorees to receive a \$10,000 charitable donation from Newman's Own. *FIRST* Mega Drive is using these funds to help start new *FTC* and *FRC* teams through the Rochester Community Robotics Organization (RCR). This may not be a recurring grant.

Grant Program Policy:

FIRST Mega Drive grants will be provided to *FTC* Teams or *FRC* teams located in New York State, From Albany and west, that require assistance for items such as registration fees, tools, robotic parts, etc. In addition to the application questions listed below, teams will be awarded grants based on their commitment to the *FIRST* program, Gracious Professionalism and their demonstration of sustainability. The award can only be distributed through an invoice for the payment of items such as registration fees, tools or robotic parts.

Eligibility for Grant:

Preference will be given to new teams and struggling teams that display long-term sustainability.

To be eligible the teams awarded a grant agree to participate in the *FIRST* Mega Drive in October 18, 2014 at the Rah Cha Cha Ruckus held in Rochester or an equivalent event on or about Make A Difference Day, Oct. 25, 2014. Participation may be in the form of collecting and donating items to the MEGA drive, volunteering at the actual event or supporting the event planning in other ways deemed fit by the MEGA drive committee.

To be eligible, the *FRC* teams awarded a grant agree to build a robot and compete at a regional event. To be eligible, the *FTC* teams awarded a grant agree to build a robot to compete at a regional event or exhibition. We highly suggest that the *FRC* teams prepare a Chairman's Essay to document the team's history or the *FTC* teams create an Engineering Notebook.

The application deadline is Friday August 15, 2014. All applications must be submitted via email to FIRSTMegaDriveGrant@team340.org. Hard Copy applications will not be accepted. Upon successful submittal your team will be notified of a decision date.

Grant Acknowledgement:

By submitting this application, your team understands that there is no guarantee of a grant award. Also the adult team member and/or team main point contact acknowledges having read and understands the information provided herein. Failing to provide any of the requested information could impact the decision whether to award a grant to your team or the amount awarded. Direct any questions about the application and/or process to FIRSTMegaDriveGrant@team340.org.



Grant Application for 2014 - 2015 FIRST Season

FTC _____ FRC _____

Team Information

Team Number _____ Team Name _____
High School(s)/Organizations Affiliations _____
Meeting Place Address _____
Workshop Address _____
Year of Rookie Season _____

Preferred Team Contact Information

Name of Adult Team Leader _____
Phone Number _____ Alternate Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
Team Mailing Address _____

Team Demographics

Input a numerical value to let us know how many of each of the following are associated with your team. If a person satisfies more than one category please include them in all categories they belong in. Please note that these demographics will not bias our decision in anyway.

Total Number of Students _____
Female Students _____
Minority Students _____
9th Grade _____ 10th Grade _____ 11th Grade _____ 12th Grade _____

Total Number of Mentors _____
Teacher Advisors _____
Parent Mentors _____
Engineers/Technical/ Machinists _____
Non Technical Mentors _____
College Student Mentors _____

Grant Details

Answer the following questions to give us information about your team. Additional documentation may be attached as needed. Additional information may be requested.

1) Amount of grant requested (\$) _____

Provide details of how the grant will be utilized.



2) Describe other sources of funding your team receives (e.g. Sponsors, fund raising, school etc)

3) Describe any non-monetary support your team receives from sponsors and school. (e.g workshop, computer labs, storage, tool usage, t-shirts)

4) Provide a tabulated summary of your team's revenues and expenses along with any needed explanations of funds. If your team expects significant changes to funding this year please explain.

5) List with a brief description of any community- based service that your team has participated in or organized in the past year or are planning this year.



6) Describe how your team has spread or plans to spread the word about the *FIRST* Program through media attention, forums, contacting local government, school or community.

7) Briefly describe how your team has and will follow, implement, and/or accomplish the ideals of *FIRST* and Gracious Professionalism. Additionally, please state how your team will document these ideals. If the team is not a rookie team, please mention what the team plans to do in the new season that is different from the previous season.

8) How will your team participate in the *FIRST* Mega Drive on Make A Difference Day (Food Drive, Children’s Book Drive, Blood Drive and Recycled Electronics Drive) at the Rah Cha Cha Ruckus in Rochester on October 18, 2014. If you cannot participate in the above, what equivalent event will you participate/ organize on or about Oct 25, 2014 in honor of Make A Difference Day?

9) If you are a grant recipient describe how you plan on displaying “RCR *FIRST* Mega Drive” or corresponding Logos? (e.g. t-shirts, buttons, robot or pit display)