

Chairman's: Jumpstart Your Journey



**4-H EXPLODING BACON
ROBOTICS CLUB**

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Chairman's Award Description

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The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award at *FIRST*, it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and **best embodies the mission of *FIRST***. It was created to keep the central focus of *FIRST Robotics Competition* on the ultimate goal of **transforming the culture** in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology, as well as encouraging more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders.



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About *FIRST*



Purpose and Goals of *FIRST*

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- **Mission of *FIRST*:** Our mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.
- About FIRST
- Philosophies
- FIRST Core Values

Full text: <https://www.firstinspires.org/about/vision-and-mission>



FIRST Core Values

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We express the *FIRST* philosophies of *Gracious Professionalism* and *Coopertition* through our Core Values:

- **Discovery:** *We explore new skills and ideas.*
- **Innovation:** *We use creativity and persistence to solve problems.*
- **Impact:** *We apply what we learn to improve our world.*
- **Inclusion:** *We respect each other and embrace our differences.*
- **Teamwork:** *We are stronger when we work together.*
- **Fun:** *We enjoy and celebrate what we do!*

These are good guidelines to follow as you start the essay



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About the Award



Submission Content & Award Emphasis

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- **Best exemplify the true meaning of *FIRST*** through
- **Measurable impact** with emphasis on promoting STEM through *FIRST* programs
- Field a drivable robot
- **Recent accomplishments within the last five years/sustained period**
- [Definition list for terms](#)
- Documentation list

FRC is not about machines; it is about the experience of people working together toward a shared goal. Documenting and preserving your team's FIRST experience becomes an important component of the over-all FIRST experience.



- [Chairmans Award Resources](#), includes: Past Winners Submissions
- [Chairman's Award Submission Definitions and Resources](#)
- [Firstinspires.org Awards Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Chairman's Documentation Form](#)
- Chairman's Video Consent & Release of Rights Form
- *Disclaimer: FIRST changes submission criteria, this presentation is no substitution for thoroughly reading and understanding the submission criteria and rules on the official website*

Changes to this year's

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- Documentation form
- Definition of Reached
- Documentation letters
- Video Consent & Release Form – now a checkbox
- Interview times, prescheduled.



Chairman's At a Glance

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- MAKE IT FUN!
- **Read the Submission guidelines** (all definitions, deadlines & criteria)
- **Written Submission**
 - 13 Questions
 - Essay (up to 10,000 characters)
- **Video** (1-3 minute)
- **Interviews** (presentation/skit)
 - 12 min total; up to 7 min for the presentation, remaining time for Q&A.
 - Up to 3 student team members, plus 1 adult mentor



Make it Fun!

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- Laugh
- Candy
- Music
- Anything that makes it fun and inviting to your team members.



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About Exploding Bacon Team 1902



1902 Approach

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- Strategic Planning
- Mission Statement, Goals & Values
- Consistent message
- Long view
- Team Image
- **Document! Document! Document!**
 - Facts, pictures, video, social media, impact, experiences, etc



1902 Approach

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Do Your Research

- Watch Simbotics (1114) Chairman's Video
- Past Submissions & Team Resources
- Search Chief Delphi for tips
- Ask for help



1902 Approach

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Make a Plan

- Schedule goals with deadlines and who is responsible
- Gather your documentation:
 - List team accomplishments with dates
 - List which go into Essay, Video, Skit, Judge's Packet



1902 Approach

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- Define your story
 - Consistent Message
 - Be memorable
 - Use FIRST Team Support Definition words
 - Add team image/theme elements, if preferred



Example of Organization

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	Essay (facts)	Skit (Story)	Video (emotion)	Judge's Packet
Outreach Effort X				
Outreach Effort X				
Mentor FLL Teams				
Started FTC Teams				
Assist FRC Teams				



J	FGC Teams	as of 2/21/2019
Assisted/Mentored/Hosted, etc...		
J	The number of team members assisting and mentoring teams	17 (S&M) as of 2/6/2019
EX J	Number of FLL teams we've "equipped members to form" Number of FTC teams we've "equipped members to form" Number of FRC teams we've "equipped members to form"	See below (starting)
EX J	Number of FLL Jr teams EB has assisted (2019/2018-19(cumulative))	3/3 as of 2/6/2019
EX J	Number of FLL teams EB has assisted (2019/2018-2019)	2/6 as of 2/6/2019
EX J	Number of FTC teams EB has assisted (2019/2018-2019)	3/6 as of 2/6/2019
EX J	Number of FRC teams EB has assisted (2019/2018-2019)	43/61 as of 2/6/2019
EX J	Number of FLL teams EB has mentored(2019/2018-2019)	3/12 as of 2/6/2019



Team Impact

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- Team Support
- FIRST Impact & Opportunities
- Outreach
 - Local / Regional / International
 - Fulfilling a need
 - Member interests
 - Larger impacts
 - Team strengths
- Build on your programs



Chairman's Culture

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- Celebrate what you value!
- Plan your schedule to work with more demands year round
- Engaging & inspiring programs
- Prioritize programs: fun and interesting to team
- Reward those who contribute
- Team requirements
- Mentor & student leadership embrace impactful culture



The Essay!

The first necessary step

Chairman's Essay

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- An Essay
- Executive Summaries

Both must be submitted by a student through STIMS

- Creativity of expression
- Clearly deliver information & facts about the team
- Draw attention to the strengths of the team
- *Serve as the basis for the judges to make the decision on which team earns the Chairman's Award*



Chairman's Essay

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- **10,000** character limit, including spaces and punctuation
- Organize content in an organic flow
- Include facts & quantifiable accomplishments
- Quotes from people you impacted
- Team's strategy, not future dreams and wishes
- Clear statistics with context
- Executive Summaries (500 characters each)
- Strategically use all character counts
- **Numerous** team members and mentors proofread
- Plan for adequate time.
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit!



Executive Summaries

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- Team Number & Team Name/Nickname and DESCRIBE
- the impact of the *FIRST* program on team participants within the last 5 years
- the impact of the *FIRST* program on your community within the last 5 years
- the team's methods for spreading the *FIRST* message in ways that are effective, scalable, sustainable, and creative
- examples of how your team members act as role models and inspire other *FIRST* team members to emulate
- Team's initiatives to help start or form other *FRC* teams
- the team's initiatives to help start or form other *FIRST* teams
- the team's initiatives on assisting other *FIRST* teams with progressing through the *FIRST* program
- how your team works with other *FIRST* teams to serve as mentors to younger or less experienced *FIRST* teams
- your Corporate/University Sponsors
- the strength of your partnership with your sponsors – within the last 5 years
- For *FRC* teams older than 5 years, briefly describe your team's broader impact from its inception
- how your team would explain what *FIRST* is to someone who has never heard of it
- other matters of interest to the *FIRST* Judges, if any

- **AND THE ESSAY**



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Presentation

In the room



Chairman's Interview

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- **Chairman's Award interviews** (Presentation/Skit) limited to **12 minutes** total; up to 7 minutes for the presentation and up to 5 minutes of question and answer.
By up to **3 students**, plus 1 adult mentor
- Judges will be interviewing teams who successfully complete the submission process.
- **Bring confirmation of submission to event**
- Get your interview time from Pit Admin
- Judges are there for you and want you to succeed
- Feedback form



Chairman's Interview

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- Tell your story
- Get feedback from other teams
- Communicate clearly to judges
- Write in the voice of your presenters
- Play to your presenters' strengths
- Don't talk too fast/or too slow
- Stay comfortably under time limit
- Practice, Practice, Practice



Chairman's Interview

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- Unique/memorable Presentation
- Auditions for presenting team
- Know every detail of your submission
- Be professional and prepared
- Provide a summary of key strengths to judges
- Be confident
- Feed off energy of each other as a team
- Judges want to see you succeed



Q & A

In the room & in the pits

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Questions & Answers

- Include as part of audition, see how new presenters handle difficult, and unclear questions.
- Practice as much as presentation
- Build on Information in your essay & more recent
- Tie in personal stories
- Practice creates confidence

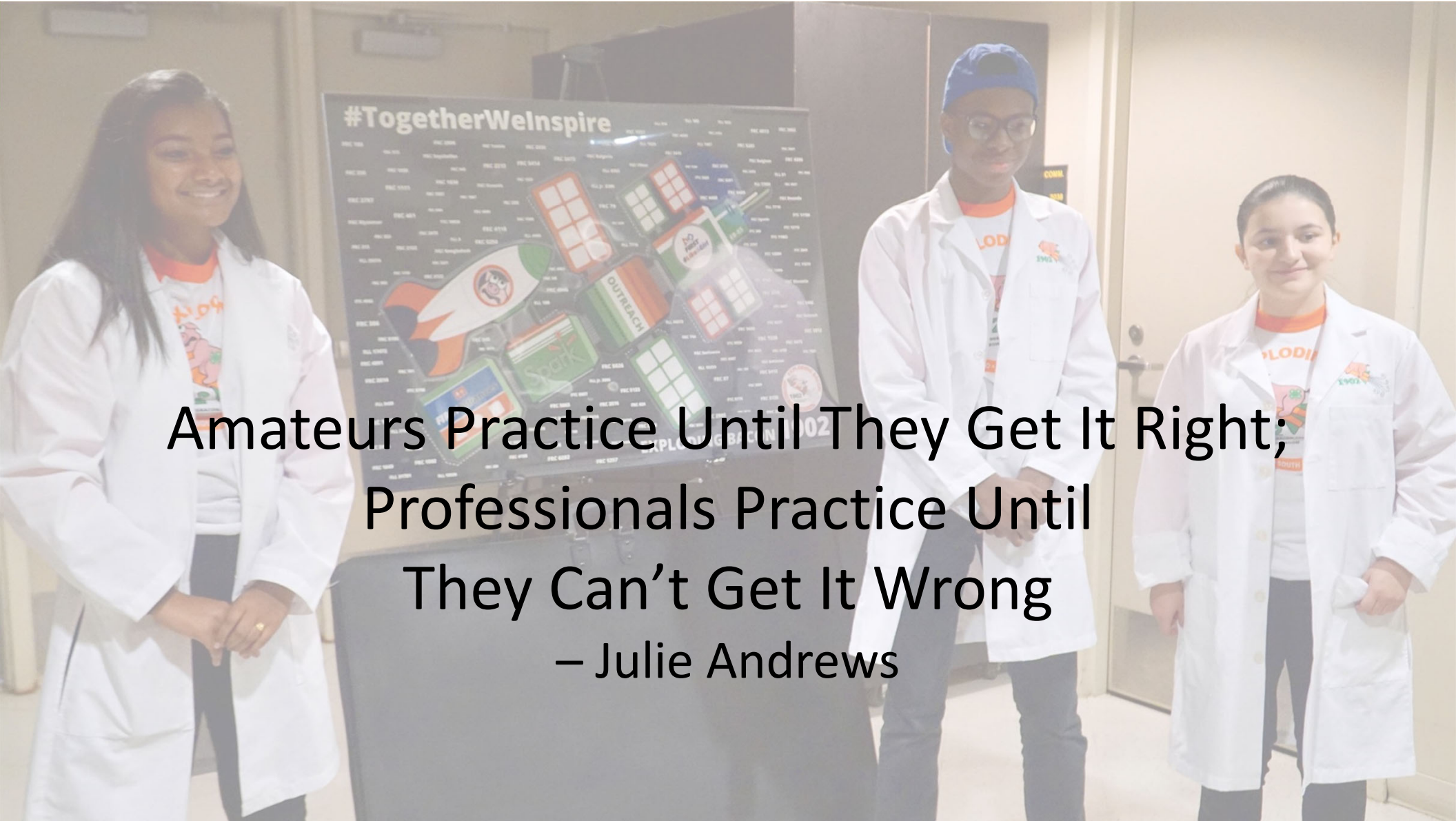


Prepare Your Entire Team

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- Judge Whispering (Learn team information through Pit Test, Practice Sessions, Trivia Game, Jeopardy Game, etc...)
- Present Chairman's presentation to your Team
- Handout of key message points for students
- Personal stories of all students
- Embrace your image
- Students in pit: smile and have fun being there
- Judges are **everywhere** and **everything** gets back to them. Be on your best behavior **always**.





**Amateurs Practice Until They Get It Right;
Professionals Practice Until
They Can't Get It Wrong
– Julie Andrews**

Video

What is the goal?

Chairman's Video Submission

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- Must provide a **1-3 minute VIDEO** to the judges at the start of their interview.
- Use to explain what the team has done to earn the Chairman's Award.
- The video may be shown during the interview.
- Read rules for requirements for...
 - VIDEO format, VIDEO do's and don'ts, Content Guidelines & **USB Flash Drive** Requirements
- Flash drive in the plastic bag with clear team information. (Have 2 tested)
- *A Final few contestant VIDEOS will be reviewed by the Judge Advisor for appropriate content and to ensure that guidelines have been met.*
- *Chairman's judges will not be judging your video as part of your submission, a VIDEO with inappropriate content will disqualify a team for the award.*



Documentation

Print, handouts, binders... oh my



Your Team In Print

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Print Materials

- Leave behinds for the Judges
- Binder
- Bound packet or folder
- References in the Pit

Things to consider

- Consistent Message with Essay & Interview
- Clearly highlights your team's strengths.

Possible things to include:

- Business Plan
- Marketing Packet
- Impact documentation
- Community Outreach Information
 - Press Releases and Articles
 - Flyers & Marketing Materials
 - Thank you letters
- Digital Media Award Submission
- Brochure
- Chairman's Submission



Documentation Form

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Team Name: _____

Team Number: _____



Chairman's Documentation Form

How to use this form

- In the chart, list all teams/events/items that you have documentation for. Please refer to the [Official Chairman's Definitions](#) for more information on the required/recommended documentation types.
- Label each piece of documentation with a "documentation ID". Attach the pieces of documentation to this form, in order of Documentation ID, and be sure to label each with its document id.

Team Number or Type of Activity & Location (i.e. FIRST Lego League Team 9999 or 2019 District Event - Salem, MA)	Choose one of the following: <i>Started, Mentored, Resources Published, Ran, or Reached</i>	Type of Documentation (letter, screenshot, thank you card, etc)	Documentation ID (use numerical numbers i.e. ID-001)

* Teams can use as many sheets as they need but all should have team name & number.



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Some final thoughts

From our experience



What are the Judges looking for?

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Chairman's Award will go to the team that best documents and communicates their efforts to change culture.

- Sustained excellence
- Team that most accurately represents the FIRST mission
- Experience of students, engineers, teachers, community, school, sponsors, families, and other supporters
- What makes you the face of FIRST?
- Consistently good communication
- New Criteria



Tips for Student Chairman's Leads

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From our Student Chairman's Leads

- Do not try to do the whole thing by yourself
- Remain patient during rehearsals (silent leadership)
- Trust your mentors
- Focus Q&A on more personal presenter stories
- Know your presenting team's individual strengths & weaknesses
- Affirm teammates
- Take breaks



Tips for Mentors

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- Presenters understand student's motivation for presenting
- Practice Q&A extensively. Team Rush 27 List
- Patience, Patience, Patience
- Know your kids! Keep them hydrated and fed. Understand what they need to succeed.
- Be willing to make adjustments to wording & style to fit their personalities.
- Expect practice to take a long time, but also pay attention to when they need breaks.
- **Have a sense of humor!!!**



Important Tips

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- READ THE RULES!
- Don't submit for the sake of winning
- Don't just copy the approach of others
- Focus on what your team wants to do
- Do what you say
- Document everything you do (facts, pictures, video)
- Pay attention to feedback forms
- Consistent message across all elements
- Ask for feedback
- Know who you are, so you can tell your story



Should You Submit?

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- ABSOLUTELY!
- A good exercise
- Record of your accomplishments
- Reflect on what your team has achieved
- Refocus team efforts in the coming year
- Compete for FIRST's most prestigious award



Chairman's Resources

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- [FIRSTInspires.org Chairman's Award Resources](#)
- [2020 Chairman's Award Submission Definitions](#)
- [Firstinspires.org Awards Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Chairman's Documentation Form](#)
- [FRC Judging Process Overview](#)
- [Exploding Bacon Chairman's Resource](#)
- [1902 Hall of Fame submission](#)
- [Team Rush Questions](#)
- [Simbotics Chairman's video](#)
- Questions? explodingbacon.team1902@gmail.com



Chairman's Resources

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www.explodingbacon.com/chairmans/

Link to the google doc planning document and includes active links to FIRSTinspires.org awards pages.

Questions?

Reach out to us via email at info@explodingbacon.com
or any of our social media channels

