

# Chairman's Award

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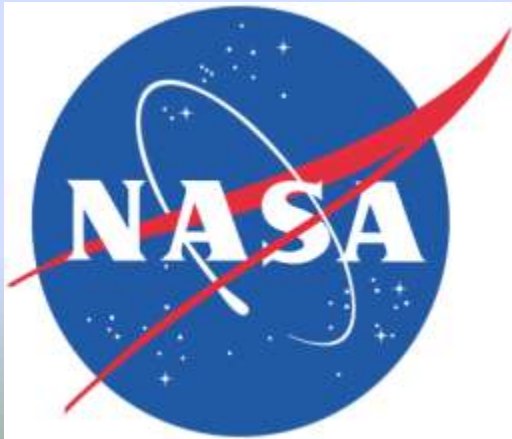
# Today's Topics

- Who I am
- What is the Chairman's Award
- Activities
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- Judges Questions
- Importance of Award
- Your questions



# A little about me

- Started FIRST in 2002
- West Albany High School Team 957
- 4 Years as Student, 4 Years as Mentor
- Senior at Oregon State University
- NASA Robotics Academy



# Team 957

- 8<sup>th</sup> year in FIRST
- 2002 Rookie All-Stars
- 2004 Regional Champions
- 2003/2005 Regional Chairman's Award Winners



# What is the Chairman's Award

- Most Prestigious FIRST Award
- Example Traits
  - Role Model Team
  - Year Round Partnership Effort
  - Inspire and Promote Science and Technology
  - Sustained Multi-Year Program
  - Innovative Ways to Spread FIRST Message

# Chairman's Award Facts

- Regional Awards at 41 Events
  - Qualify for Championships
  - Only Competitors for Championships Chairman's Award
- 1 Championship Chairman's Award
  - Trip to White House
  - Trip to Dean Kamen's House
  - Traveling Clock Trophy
  - FIRST Hall of Fame (16 Members)
  - Allaire Medal

# Why is this Award Important

- I have two of them 😊
- The reward for the real meaning of the program
- Accomplish the Mission, Awards will come (not the other way around)
- Inspire Others
- Real sense of accomplishment
- Role Model

# Activities

- Community Service
- Fundraisers
- Sponsor Relations
- Mentoring Other FRC Teams, FLL Teams
- Partnerships With Other Teams/Beyond
- Alumni Relations
- Make Engineering Fun and Exciting

# 2003 Activities - 957

- Fundraisers
  - Bake Sales, Raffles, Cookie Dough, Pop Can Drives, Sandwich Sales, Car Washes
- Mentoring
  - 5 FLL Teams, 1 New FRC Team
- Partnerships
  - FIRST Force, Oregon Regional Planning, Sponsors, Boy Scouts, High School, University
- Community Service
  - Community Clean Up/School Dance Clean Up
- Events
  - Open House, Celebration, Kickoff, Basketball Game, School Assembly, FLL Tournament, Scrimmage, OSU Expo

# 2005 Activities - 957

- Fundraisers
  - Bake Sales, Krispy Kreme, Pop Can Drives, Car Wash, FLC Clean Up/Cooking
- Business Plan
- Sponsor Packets
- New Website
- Project IMPORTANT
- Mentoring
  - 9 FLL Teams, 1130, 1432, Other New Teams
- Partnerships
  - FIRST Force, Oregon Regional Volunteers, Sponsors, Boy Scouts, High School, University
- Community Service
  - Community Clean Up, School Dance/Football Cleanup, Habitat for Humanity
- Events
  - Open House, Celebration, Kickoff, Basketball Games, School Assemblies, FLL Tournament, Scrimmage, OSU Expo, Da Vinci Days, Philomath Frolic, School Events

# Your Activities?



# Essay Requirements

- 10,000 Characters
- True Meaning of FIRST?
- How strongly does the submission document the impact *FIRST has on the learning* experience of the students, school curriculum, engineers, and/or community during the 2008/2009 team year as well as in prior years?
- Has the team explained/demonstrated why/how it should be a role model for other *FIRST teams to emulate*?
- How well has the team communicated its excitement and impact to the entire school, community, and beyond (state/nation) through participation in *FIRST during the 2008/2009* team year as well as in prior years?
- Has the team documented an innovative way to spread the *FIRST message*?
- How strong of a year-round team partnership effort is reflected during the 2008/2009-team year as well as in prior years? (You can define partnership in many ways, including: the partnership among the team's students/corporate sponsor/engineers; school/university sponsor/engineers; students/adults; community/team)

# Executive Summary

- Team Name
- Corporate/University Sponsors
- Briefly describe the impact of the *FIRST program on team participants with special emphasis on the 2008/2009 year and the preceding two years*
- Examples of role model characteristics for other teams to emulate
- Describe the impact of the *FIRST program on your team and community with special emphasis on the 2008/2009 year and the preceding two years*
- Team's innovative methods to spread the *FIRST message*
- Describe the strength of your partnership with special emphasis on the 2008/2009 year and the preceding two years
- Team's communication methods and results
- Other matters of interest to the *FIRST judges, if any*
  
- *500 Characters including Punctuation for all*

# Essay Tips

- Clear/Concise Flow
- Relevant Data/Graphs
- Write it for an engineer, not a English teacher
- Clearly define partnerships and how they are important
- Do it early, many revisions
- Share it online
- Have your non-involved parents read it and see the main points they got from the paper

# Presentation Requirements

- 10 Minutes
  - 5 Minute Presentation
  - 5 Minutes Q & A
- 3 Representatives
- Anything goes
- Special equipment must be provided by team

# Presentation Tips

- Practice ^ 3
- Make it Relevant
- Make it something they will remember
- Clearly state key points
- Overused: Normal Powerpoints
- Use instead: Innovative powerpoints, video, different style of presentation, play a game,

# Video

- New This Year
- Has been effective as a presentation tool
- 3 Minutes or Less
- Clean Audio
- 16:9 Aspect Ratio
- Free of Copyright restrictions
- Not judged this year, but can be used in presentation

# Judges Questions

- Yearbook Page Helps!
- Focus on individuals, alumni, team events
- Sample
  - How did you recruit new members?
  - How did you spread the message of FIRST?
  - Why should you get the Chairman's Award?
  - How can you measure your impact in your community?
  - What is your plan for team sustainability?
  - How is your team run?
  - What was one thing you will work on improving?
  - What was the one thing you did the best?

# Questions?

