

FLL Core Awards

Consolidated Structure

Champion's Award

This award recognizes a team that embodies the FLL experience, by fully embracing our Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in both the Robot Game and Project.

Project Award

This award recognizes a team that excels across the Research, Innovative Solution and Presentation categories. This team utilized diverse resources for their Project to help them gain a comprehensive understanding of the problem they identified, develop a creative, well-researched solution and effectively communicate their findings to judges and the community.

Core Values Award

This award recognizes a team that excels across the Inspiration, Teamwork and Gracious Professionalism® categories. This team displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, knows they can accomplish more together than they could as individuals, and shows each other and other teams respect at all times.

Robot Design Award

This award recognizes a team that excels across the Mechanical Design, Programming and Strategy & Innovation categories. This team uses outstanding programming principles and solid engineering practices to develop a robot that is mechanically sound, durable, efficient and highly capable of performing challenge missions.

Robot Performance Award

This award recognizes a team that scores the most points during the Robot Game. Teams have a chance to compete in at least three 2.5 minute matches and their highest score counts.

Judges Awards

During the course of competition the judges may encounter teams whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition. Some teams have a story that sets them apart in a noteworthy way. Sometimes a team is so close to winning an award that the judges choose to give special recognition to the team. Judges Awards allow the freedom to recognize remarkable teams that stand out for reasons other than the Core Award categories.

Examples include:

Against All Odds or Overcoming Adversity or Perseverance

This award goes to the team that improvises and overcomes a difficult situation while still making a respectable showing, with an attitude that shows, “We can overcome incredible odds if we never give up, no matter what!”

Rising Star

This award recognizes a team that the judges notice and expect great things from in the future.

Special Recognition Awards

Outstanding Volunteer Award

The FLL program would not exist without its volunteers. This award honors an extraordinary volunteer(s) whose dedication to the FLL program has a positive impact on the team experience.

Adult Coach/Mentor Award

Many teams reach significant milestones thanks to their close relationship with an adult mentor. This award goes to the coach or mentor whose wisdom, guidance, and devotion are most clearly evident in the team’s discussion with the judges.

Young Adult Mentor Award

FLL presents this award to the young adult, high school or college mentor whose support, impact, inspiration, and guidance are most clearly evident in the team’s discussion with the judges.