*FIRST* in Michigan

2013-2014 Middle School FTC Grant Application Procedures

This *FIRST* in Michigan Middle School FTC rookie grants are made possible by the generous support of General Motors and Consumers Energy. **These are reimbursement grants.** Teams can apply for these grants after registering for the 2013 season with *FIRST* FTC and purchasing their kit of parts. Registration and kit order (don’t forget Samantha!) can be done via the *FIRST* TIMS site: <https://my.usfirst.org/ftc/tims/site.lasso>.

Parts to Order: Shipping costs/taxes (unless tax exempt) will apply

* 2013 FTC Competition Kit with Mindstorms (also available without Mindstorms for teams that already have it)
* 2013 FTC Resource Kit
* Samantha Module

The two *FIRST* in MI grants are the $600 GM grant (first 100 teams that apply and meet the criteria for approval) and the $400 Consumers Energy grant (if you are in the Consumers Energy service area).

Once approved, teams located in a Consumers Energy area of service (as verified by Consumers, using your zip code) will receive a single check for $1000 from *FIRST* in Michigan. Teams not located in a Consumer's Energy area of service will receive a single check for $600 from *FIRST* in Michigan.

There is an additional $500 *FIRST* FTC rookie grant which is applied by *FIRST* at the time of your registration ($275) and purchase of your kit ($225). *FIRST* in Michigan does not handle these grants but information regarding them can be found on the *FIRST* national site:<http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc/grow>.

*FIRST* in Michigan grants:

1. WHO MAY APPLY:
   1. Any rookie Michigan FTC team comprised of middle school aged team members may apply for this grant.
   2. Multiple teams from one school/organization:
      1. If your school/organization did not participate in the last two years, each of the team’s you register this season may apply for a grant.
      2. If your school/organization participated in FTC in the last two seasons, and the number of registered teams from your school/organization this season will exceed the highest number of teams registered in either of the last two seasons - the additional teams may each apply for a grant.
         * EXAMPLE: 3 teams from last season re-register for 2013 season, plus two additional register for 2013 season, making 5 total. The two new teams may apply.
2. WHEN TO APPLY:   
    All of the following must have occurred before an application can be submitted:
   1. The team is registered for the 2013 season on the *FIRST* website: <https://my.usfirst.org/ftc/tims/site.lasso>
   2. The team has a permanent team number. Applications with temporary team numbers will not be processed.
   3. The team has purchased its kit of parts, and received a proof of purchase confirmation/receipt by email, and has forwarded the confirmation/receipt email to [michiganftc@gmail.com](mailto:michiganftc@gmail.com) along with the team’s permanent team number.
3. TERMS OF THE GRANT:

Any team that receives a grant is required to build a robot from the kit of parts and participate in at least one official *FIRST* in Michigan FTC competition during November and December. If the team fails to comply, they must return their full kit to *FIRST* in Michigan or reimburse *FIRST* in Michigan the full amount of the grant. Clicking “YES” on the grant form under the TERMS of the GRANT signifies the team’s full acceptance of the terms.

1. TIMING:

Teams approved for grants will receive a check as soon as team registration is verified and kit of parts proof of purchase is received.

1. To apply for the *FIRST* in Michigan FTC Grants: [Grant Application Form Link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RhI6fG_34Zydz_xuawX2T4Vrxe40HIp2JFG9ZcEUdf4/viewform)

A generated email confirmation of grant form submittal will be sent to the Main Contact email address.