

Team Cover Letter with Flyer

CFO Name

Company Name

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I am writing to you on behalf of Vulcan Robotics to ask _____ to consider sponsoring our team. If you are unable to, we respect your decision and hope you can help us in some other way! We would be grateful for any donation.

Who We Are

Vulcan Robotics is a nine-student robotics team in San Mateo, California with tax-deductible non-profit 501(c)(3) status. We compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC), an annual worldwide competition in which high school students build robots to compete in a game challenge. Unlike most teams that compete in FTC, Vulcan Robotics is committed to allowing students run every aspect of the team. During the course of our first year of competition (2014-2015), we designed and built a highly competitive robot that reached the Northern California championships. Motivated by our loss at Norcal, we greatly improved our overall performance and went on to win 2nd place at the 2016 FTC World Championships. We were successful in the 2016-2017 season for us as well, advancing to the Northern California Championship and winning 3rd place Motivate.

In the 2014-2015 season we

- won the Inspire Award at the Place Space Qualifier(advancing us to NorCal)
- were Winning Alliance Captain at Elk Grove Qualifier
- won Division Finalist Captain at the Northern California Championship

During the 2015-2016 off-season we

- recruited 3 new members and trained them
- reached out to corporate sponsors
- prepared for the upcoming season

In the 2015-2016 season we

- won 2nd place at the 2016 FIRST Robotics World Championships
- set the highest score of the 2015-2016 First Res-Q Game Challenge
- received a sponsorship to the World Championships from PG&E
- won 1st at the West Super Regional Competition
- won at the Northern California Championships
- won the Inspire Award (the most prestigious award in FTC)
- won a qualification tournament

During the 2016-2017 off season we

- inspired local middle-schoolers through our summer design workshop series
- accrued nearly 55,000 views on our YouTube channel
- continued to spread the art of robotics throughout our community
- recruited 5 new members

In the 2016-2017 season we

- won 2nd place Inspire Award at Google Qualifier and qualified for the Norcal Championship
- won the Think Award at the Google Qualifier
- won 3rd place Motivate at the Daly City Qualifier
- won 3rd place Motivate at the Northern California Championship

We performed very well these past seasons, but in order to be even more successful we need your help.

Why We Started Vulcan Robotics

We started Vulcan Robotics to

- Own our robotics experience
 - We wanted to have full control over every aspect of our team, from the design process, to our team structure, to our brand image.
- Create opportunities
 - Our team accommodates students who are interested in robotics but do not attend schools with robotics programs.

- Learn
 - Working as a team to create a robot expands technical and personal skills.

Outreach

We strive to make a strong community impact. Last spring we gave a presentation about our team at the Fremont Public Library. Last June, we presented at the Foster City Public Library, San Mateo Public Library, and several local middle schools. We also ran a series of design classes at the San Mateo Public Library in June and July, and a similar design summer camp at the Foster City Library.

Funding

We successfully raised \$7,500 last season, and our projected costs for the 2017-2018 season is also \$7,500: \$5,500 for the robot and \$2,000 for registration. If we raise more than \$7,500, we will use the additional money to subsidize travel expenses and buy new machines and tools for use in fabricating custom parts.

Sponsorship Benefits

Donation Level	What You Will Fund	Enables Us To	Your Logo Will Appear On	You Will Receive
\$500 - Mortal	motors, gears, sprockets, and chains	build an exceptional drivetrain	our t-shirt, poster, and website	a t-shirt
\$1000 - Emperor	electrical and sensors	create a robot that can sense its surroundings	all of the above plus our videos	all of the above plus 10 stickers
\$2000 - Titan	registration for all events	compete	all of the above plus our robot and banner	all of the above plus extra team shirts
\$5000 - Vulcan	new tools for our shop (CNC milling machine, 3D printer)	machine more intricate custom parts	all of the above plus large logo on the robot	all of the above plus lunch and a robot demo with our team

To donate, please write a check payable to Vulcan Robotics Team and mail it to 1964 Timberlane Way, San Mateo, CA 94402. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at vulcanroboticsteam@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope we can count on your support.
Sincerely,

Prateek Tenkale(Team Captain)	Leon Kwauk	Timon Littleford(graduating)
Sahith Bhamidipati	Frank Liu	Sethmi Kachchkaduge (graduating)
Pranav Viswanathan	Jacqueline Lo	Anna Zheng(graduating)