

Robo-Fest 2010 : FIRST Robotics

Information on Robotics Programs & Scholarships



Vision

"To transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders."

Dean Kamen, Founder

Mission

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.

Dean Kamen is an inventor, entrepreneur, and tireless advocate for science and technology. His passion and determination to help young people discover the excitement and rewards of science and technology are the cornerstones of *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology).



Scholarships

- Many colleges and universities, professional associations, and corporations offer college scholarships to high school students on *FIRST* teams. This is official recognition of the knowledge and technical and life skills these students have gained from participating in a *FIRST* competition. *FIRST* scholarships enable students to pursue majors and careers in engineering, computer science, science, math, design, aeronautics, and many other fields. In 2010, the *FIRST* Scholarship Program provides:
 - \$12.2 million in college scholarships
 - Over 746 individual scholarship opportunities
 - Over 136 Scholarship Providers