

FRC 2023 Arizona Regional
Teacher of the Year Award

Submission Deadline:

All entries must be submitted no later than February 24, 2023. Entries can be mailed or sent electronically.

Submission Information:

Please submit to Annalisa Regalado.

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The Teacher of the Year will be announced at the 2023 Arizona East Regional March 15-18 and Arizona West Regional March 22-25, 2023.

The FRC Arizona Regional is pleased to offer a special “Teacher of the Year” award. This award is unique to teams attending Arizona Regional events. Recognizing that our students cannot be “FIRST” without the help, guidance, and support of our teachers, this award will recognize a teacher from a team registered and participating in the FRC 2023 Arizona Regional events who exemplifies these ideals. While *FIRST*® offers regional awards to mentors, the Arizona Regional will offer a special award to those teachers who give up their time, talent and enthusiasm to support this effort. There will be a teacher of the year awarded at the FRC 2023 AZ East and AZ West regional events. The entry must indicate which event the team will be attending. If the team is attending both events, the teacher’s name can be submitted for both events. A teacher can only win at one of the events.

Spirit of the Award

The teacher receives recognition and thanks for the extra effort required to guide the students as individuals and as a team. The students demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the efforts of their teachers who bring them these opportunities.

Judging Criteria

- A “teacher” is an individual who works with the team and draws a paycheck from the school district.
- The team must be participating in the either the FRC 2023 East or West Arizona Regional.
- The teacher must exemplify a positive role model, guidance, grace under pressure, fairness and compassion.

Judging criteria will be based on the team’s description of how the teacher inspired each member of the team in some or all of the following ways:

- Inspires self-motivation
- Facilitates self-growth
- Models best-practice behavior
- Encourages intellectual curiosity among students
- Demonstrates respect for team members as individuals and group contributors

- Empowers the team to make decisions
- Supports “gracious professionalism” among team members

FIRST® is not just about “building a robot”. *FIRST*® is also about building good, productive citizens. While the end result is a robot, the journey is about teamwork, fund-raising, creativity, problem-solving and personal growth. The award-winning essay should answer this question: “How did the nominated teacher inspire your team to grow as a team and as individuals”. If your essay describes examples of how this individual excels above all others in this education process, then we can look forward to presenting your team and your selected individual with an exciting award that honors our teachers who make our teams *FIRST*.

Entry Requirements:

Prepare a one-page, written essay nominating one teacher on your team who exemplifies excellence in teaching. Students should prepare this essay as a team effort. The cover letter of the essay should include the following:

- Award Name
- Nominated teacher’s full name
- Team Number
- Team Name
- Number of years the team participated in *FIRST*® competitions
- Team Club President/Captain
- Email address (or contact information) of student representative
- Team Members
- School involved
- Corporate partners and sponsors

Remember, this nomination is to recognize an outstanding teacher associated with the *FIRST*® competition and your school and team. The essay must display excellent communication skills, with attention to grammar, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation. The award will be presented during the FRC 2023 East and West Arizona Regional events.