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Limelight

2026 Sponsorship Packet

2026-2027

Our Team



Dear Future Sponsor,

We are Limelight Robotics, a passionate and dedicated community team from Asheville, NC, entering our fourth exciting year of competition in the FIRST Tech Challenge. Our team is comprised of enthusiastic students who come together to build robots capable of tackling complex and ever-changing tasks. In addition, we also to engage in fundraising, marketing, and spreading the love for STEAM through various outreach initiatives.

Limelight Robotics was founded in 2023 with a clear mission: to unite students who share a passion for STEAM. Our team members gain invaluable hands-on experience in areas such as computer programming and CAD, but the benefits extend far beyond technical skills. Through collaboration, communication, and project management, our students develop essential life skills that will serve them in any career path they pursue. A prime example of this is our five-minute presentations to judges at each competition, where we showcase our robot, the thoughtful process behind its design, and how we help spread STEAM opportunities throughout our community.

However, the success and continuation of our program heavily rely on the generous support from companies like yours. Operating a robotics team entails significant expenses, including travel, parts, and event registration. As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, any material or monetary donation you provide is tax-deductible. Enclosed, you will find various sponsorship tiers, each offering unique ways for us to acknowledge and appreciate your philanthropic support.

Additionally, we are always in search of mentors or coaches who can share their expertise and help our team grow. Mentorship has been a cornerstone of our success, and we would be thrilled to welcome any volunteers from your company who are passionate about guiding the next generation of STEAM leaders.

Your sponsorship will allow us to do what we couldn't before.

For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit our website at <https://ashevilleroobotics.org/limelight> or contact us at info@ashevilleroobotics.org. Thank you for considering our request.

We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you.

Sincerely,

The Limelight 23574 Team



Our Impact



Limelight Robotics was founded with a clear mission: to fuel students' passion for STEAM throughout Asheville. With many public/private/charter middle and high schools in western North Carolina without a FIRST robotics team, we are providing a crucial resource that is otherwise unavailable to most students.

Our team offers more than just an opportunity to explore STEAM. We cultivate essential skills that are vital in any career. Over the course of six months, our team members collaborate on one massive project, learning to work together, communicate effectively, and solve problems creatively. Each competition also requires them to present their ideas through a ten-minute presentation followed by a five-minute Q&A session with judges, honing their public speaking and critical thinking abilities.

Moreover, Limelight Robotics is proudly student-led. Our students take the reins in organizing fundraisers, managing our website and social media accounts, leading community outreach efforts, and even crafting this very sponsorship packet (yes, this message is written by a team member!). This hands-on leadership experience equips them with practical skills and confidence that extend far beyond robotics.

Community Outreach

Our team is truly making an impact in the Asheville community. To make robotics accessible to even more students, we started a FIRST Lego Challenge team in 2024 for students in grades 4-8 without access to robotics. The team meets at the same time and place as Limelight, allowing our team members to mentor the younger engineers and prepare them for the "big leagues."

We are also reaching younger students through presentations at various community events throughout WNC. In previous years, we engaged with over 50 elementary school students, and we plan to reach many more this season. Additionally, we presented at The Makers Faire this year and last year, which engages kids of all ages in STEAM activities and career opportunities.

In addition to teaching students the skills needed for success in any career, we are dedicated to making a true impact in our community. By providing these opportunities, we are not only fostering a love for STEAM but also building a stronger, more innovative future for the youth of Western North Carolina.



Achievements



We achieved remarkable success in our first two seasons with the distinction of going to State Championships both years. Each year we have competed in two qualifiers and were thrilled to earn a spot at the state championship. Our dedication, teamwork, and passion for robotics truly paid off. Here are the awards we proudly received each year:

23 - 24 Season

1st Place

Charlotte Regional
LOKI Tournament

2nd Place Inspire Award

Pinnacle Academy

Judge's Choice

State Championship

Overall

2nd highest ranked rookie team in NC
7 awards at regional and state level

24 - 25 Season

Design Award

Southeast Guilford
Tournament

2nd Place Inspire Award

Pinnacle Academy

Overall

Placed 28th in State Championship
85% Globally for First Tech Challenge

25-26: This year, we had to train all 7 new members except for the one member that stayed from the year before that. We trained them in CAD, programming, hardware, electrics, and the non-technical side of Limelight. Training was our main focus last year. We attended the Asheville Maker Faire and held two of our own open houses, one of which the students organized themselves.

Looking ahead, with a balanced mix of new and senior members, we hope to make it even further in our upcoming competition season. However, we couldn't do this without the support of your company. With the right support and mentorship, we believe we can achieve these goals and make this season our best yet.

Team Needs



As a FIRST Tech Challenge team, our sponsors and donors play a crucial role in our success. Their support not only enables us to build a creative and competitive robot but also helps us expand our educational resources, inspiring more students to develop a passion for STEAM. We are deeply grateful for the contributions that make our mission possible.

Below is our budget for the upcoming season:

Category	Specifics	Cost
FTC Registration	Team Registration	\$295
	Tournament Registration	\$325
Robot Expenses	Chassis	\$500
	Part kits (U-Channels, Gears, etc.)	\$500
	Materials for Fabrication	\$200
	Misc. Parts	\$1,200
Other Expenses	Tools and Supplies	\$2,300
	Promotion	\$450
	Travel	\$1,400
	Uniform Shirts	\$750
Total Cost		~ \$7,500

Sponsorship Levels



The importance of sponsors to the success of our team cannot be overstated. That is why we recognize companies' generosity through multiple sponsorship level benefits.

Notable Recognition (\$0 - \$250)

- Signed Photo of team
- Company logo on website

Lime Sponsor (\$250 - \$500)

- Signed Photo of team
- Company logo on website
- Company logo on T-Shirts

Limeade Sponsor (\$500 - \$1000)

- Signed Photo of team
- Company logo on website
- Company logo on T-Shirts
- Recognition on Social Media

Key Lime Sponsor (\$1000 - \$2500)

- Signed Photo of team
- Company logo on website
- Company logo on T-Shirts
- Recognition on Social Media
- Logo displayed on competition robot

Sublime Sponsor (\$2500+)

- Signed Photo of team
- Recognition on website as Sublime Sponsor
- Company logo on T-Shirts
- Recognition on Social Media
- Logo displayed prominently on competition robot
- Team members come to your business to personally thank you, demonstrate the robot, and discuss the season (if business is local)
- Request for robot appearance at company events



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Sponsorship Information

EIN: 81-2908499

Checks should be made out to "The Hack Foundation"

Donations may be tax-deductible; please contact the team at
info@ashevilleroobotics.org for more information

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Mailing Address: _____

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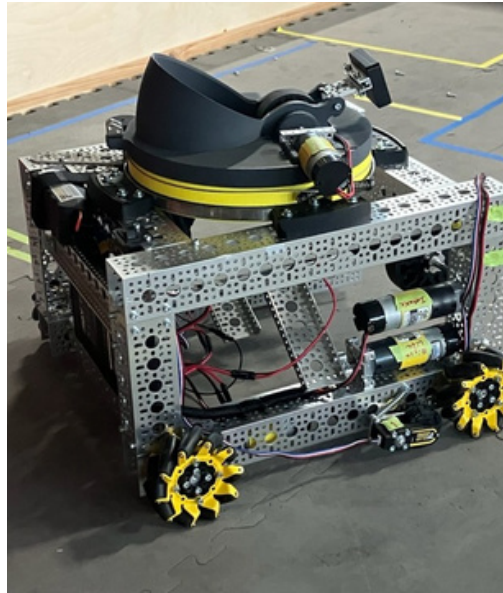
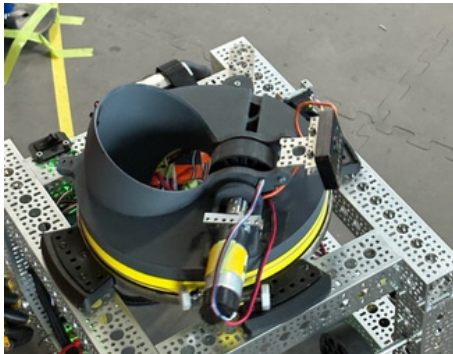
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On behalf of all of our students, mentors, and volunteers, Limelight thanks you for your generous donation, and looks forward to working with you in the future!

Photos



25-26 Season



24 - 25 Season

