

# **FIRST Team Member Application**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read each section. Be sure to complete all of the requirements per section (any incomplete application will **NOT** be considered).

## **DATES TO SCHEDULE:**

**All applications are due Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by 9 p.m.**

*The FIRST team applicants will be reviewed and possible interviews may be requested.*

*The new FIRST team members will be announced, Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> and posted to the HyperMind website. ([www.hypermindonline.com](http://www.hypermindonline.com))*

## **PROFILE OF A TEAM MEMBER:** (Please Read)

### **Profile of a FIRST Team Member:**

**1. Team player** (this is about being on a team)!

**2. Highly self-motivated** (there are "down times" that's when you need to be "up").

**3. Hard-working** (without ever being asked).

**4. Willing to learn and be open to new ideas** (able to handle constructive criticism).

**5. Willing to sacrifice other activities for FIRST** (Saturdays, sports, social events, etc.)

**6. Willing to commit an extensive amount of time to the program-including:**

- keeping all grades above 80%,
- team-building activities,
- attend meetings as scheduled (TBD),
- FIRST Lego League (FLL to be explained later)
- emergency meetings when needed.

**7. Commitment to punctuality and good attendance.**

**8. Willing to exhibit spirit for the team** (may include a little face paint or temporary tattoos but most definitely cheering for your teammates and our successes).

**9. Exhibits Gracious Professionalism.** This is FIRST's way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community.

## **FIRST 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 heroes."*

## **FIRST 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.

## **FIRST Core Values**

The FLL Core Values are the cornerstones of the FLL program. They are among the fundamental elements that distinguish FLL from other programs of its kind. By embracing the Core Values, participants learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals, and that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork.

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display Gracious Professionalism in everything we do.
- We have fun.

## **FIRST Member/Parent Information**

### **Selection of team will be done in the following format:**

- 1.** Applicant must complete official application with required information.
- 2.** Application must be turned in by the due date. If you do not have the completed application by this date you **MAY NOT** be considered.
- 3.** Team coaches and mentors will review and evaluate the applications.
- 4.** Consideration for selection will be based on applicant essay, parent questionnaire, interest in math and science, special skills, overall attitude, and behavior and attendance patterns (not necessarily in this order).

### **EXPECTATIONS OF A TEAM MEMBER:**

- *After school or evening activities and Saturday events will be required for all team members.*
- *Attendance will be taken. Excessive absences may result in dismissal from the team.*
- *Attendance with some FIRST Lego League and all FIRST Competitions are mandatory.*
- *Students may be removed from the team by a vote of the coaches/mentors for lack of participation or behavior that is not appropriate.*
- *During competition members will follow the FIRST core value of gracious professionalism. Violation of this core value may result in the member being sent home at the expense of the parents.*
- *All students will follow the directives of the coaches/mentors at all times. Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with coaches/mentors.*
- *Members must maintain "passing" grades in order to travel and/or participate with the team (passing meaning no grades below 80%).*
- *All team members are required to pay a non-refundable team fee of \$150 which will assist in team registration, kit purchase, practice tables, and more.*
- *All team members are required to secure one sponsor to help in funding supplies and events for the team. (More information on this once team members are approved.)*
- *All team members will be required to participate in fundraising for the team. (Fundraisers will be decided on by the group and executed as planned by the team.)*



### **2010-2011 Challenge Theme**

#### **Can FIRST® LEGO® League Teams Improve Our Quality of Life?**

Through the 2010 Body Forward™ Challenge, 9 to 14 year olds\* will explore the cutting-edge world of Biomedical Engineering to discover innovative ways to repair injuries, overcome genetic predispositions, and maximize the body's potential, with the intended purpose of leading happier and healthier lives.

\* a child cannot be older than 14 on Jan. 1, 2010 to participate.

**US/Canada Registration Opens: 5/3/2010 Global Challenge Release: 9/3/2010**  
**<http://firstlegoleague.org>**

## **FIRST Team Member Application Checklist**

**Due: Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 @ 9PM**

**What is to be turned in by due date:**

### **APPLICANT SECTION**

- *Questionnaire attached*
- *Essay attached*
- *Signed and dated*

### **PARENT SECTION**

- *Completed*
- *Signed and dated*

**The Applicant and Parents KEEP Page 1 -- Profile and Page 2 - Student/Parent Information**

### **Questions?**

*Contact: Denise Shepherd @ 336-584-1760, email: hypermind@bellsouth.net*

**APPLICANT SECTION Student to complete and return:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

*(Please Print)*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A for Science \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Language Arts \_\_\_\_\_ Social Studies \_\_\_\_\_ PE \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out all of the following sections.*

**Attach the completed questionnaire.**

**Read and sign the following:**

***If selected for this FLL team, I am primarily interested in: (please mark a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice)***

- Programming*
- Robot Build*
- Marketing and team morale*
- Web site design*
- Presentation, acting & script writing*

***If selected for this FLL team, I understand that I will:***

- maintain my grades with all 80% or higher, and will get help if my grades could put me and/or my team in jeopardy.*
- work to model the First core values,*
- attend all meetings/activities (schedule to be announced)*
- submit \$150 to cover my team fee, upon acceptance(deposit of \$75 due June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010, remaining \$75 due by July 17<sup>th</sup>.)*
- support the project through innovative and creative thinking.*

***I have read the "FIRST Member/Parent Information sheet" and am willing to commit to this program:***

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder:** All applications must be returned to:

HyperMind  
LEGO League  
3396 S. Church St.  
Burlington, NC 27215

Applications must be received by 9:00pm, Saturday, June 19th 2010. No late applications will be accepted. Members will be notified of their selection on or before Friday, June 25th, either by phone or email. Teams will also be posted on the HyperMind web site: [www.hypermindonline.com](http://www.hypermindonline.com)

Thank you for your interest and participation in our FIRST LEGO League Team.

For more information regarding the FIRST LEGO League program, visit their website at <http://www.usfirst.org/community/fll>.

**APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE:**

*(Please Print)*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_

1) List any team sports/non-sports that you have been or are now on:

Team \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Role in the team: \_\_\_\_\_

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Role in the team: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*List any others on the back of this form.*

2) Have you ever been on a FIRST LEGO League team? YES NO

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Please write a paragraph stating why you want to be a part of this team and how you would contribute to it.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) It is very important that all members of the team exhibit the skills necessary to be a good team player. Please list at least 3 ways in which you feel that you have been a good team player in activities you participate in, both in school and outside a classroom.

In school:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Outside Activities:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT SECTION Parents to complete and return with student application:**

**Of the seven characteristics below, please check the three strongest characteristics of your son/daughter:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Team player \_\_\_\_\_ Self-motivated \_\_\_\_\_ Hard-working  
\_\_\_\_\_ Open to new ideas \_\_\_\_\_ Willing to sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ Punctual  
\_\_\_\_\_ Willing to commit to the amount of time needed for a big project

**Of the subjects listed please circle your son/daughters strongest.**

Math Science LanguageArts SocialStudies Arts Computer

**Indicate why your son/daughter should be considered for this team.**

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**Involvement you could bring to the team:**

- Chaperone meetings/fundraising events,
- Rides and Transportation coordinator,
- Food/meals coordinator (for both the build and for tournaments),
- Videotaping and Documenting assistant
- Public Relations coordinator,
- Fund Raising - Booster coordinator,
- Promotional work for the team
- Business and travel coordinator
- Other involvement? Please indicate any other way you may be able to support the team.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Requirements from the team:**

- There will be a time commitment from the parents of the team members. This will be in the form of having 2 adults at every meeting, or event for the safety of the members.
- Parents will be expected to assist with fundraising and community efforts to support and promote the team.
- Parents will be required to assist in their child's team development skills; they will need your support in understanding the FIRST core values. We will teach these core values and ask that they be reinforced at home.

**Read and sign the following:**

*I have read the "FIRST Member/Parent information sheet."*

*If my son/daughter is selected for this FIRST team, I understand that I will have the following responsibilities:*

*Transportation to and from school (or meeting place) for my son/daughter,*

*Pay a \$150 non-refundable registration fee for my son/daughter on the required dates.*

*Actively support additional FIRST team fundraising.*

*Provide at least two snacks for the team during the season,*

*Assist in chaperoning (for competitions and/or practices) and*

*Support the project in anyway possible.*

*I am willing to support my son/daughter and commit to this program:*

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_