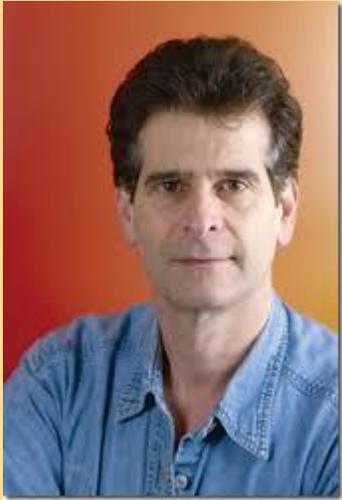


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DEAN'S LIST AWARD

2019-2020

What is the Dean's List Award?



Dean Kamen

In an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding *FIRST* Tech Challenge students, the Kamen family sponsors an Award for selected top students known as the *FIRST* Dean's List. Since its introduction in 2010, the *FIRST* Dean's List Award has attracted the attention of prestigious colleges and universities who desire to recruit *FIRST* Dean's List students.

How Does It Work?

Similar to the very prestigious National Merit Scholarship Award winners, there are three (3) “categories” of *FIRST* Dean’s List Award students:

***FIRST* Dean’s List Semi-Finalists**

FIRST Dean’s List Semi-Finalists are the students nominated by each Team.

***FIRST* Dean’s List Finalists**

The students selected to be recognized at each State/Region Championship.

***FIRST* Dean’s List Winners**

The group of 10 students who receive the Dean’s List Award at the *FIRST* World Championship.

Who Can be Nominated?

Each team is invited to submit up to two (2) members who become their Dean's List Semi-Finalists.

Nominees must be in the 10th or 11th grade.



Semi-Finalists interviewed at SEMO Qualifier 2015.

What's the Criteria?

Criteria for selection of the *FIRST* Dean's List shall include, but not be limited to a student's:

- Demonstrated **leadership** and **commitment** to the ideals of *FIRST*;
- Interest in and passion for a **long term** commitment to ***FIRST*** and its **ideals**;
- Overall individual contribution to their Team;
- **Technical** expertise and passion;
- **Entrepreneurship** and **creativity**;
- Ability to **motivate** and **lead** fellow Team members; and
- Ability to effectively **increase awareness** of *FIRST* in their school and community.

Who Decides?

The entire *FIRST* Tech Challenge **Team** should work together to determine which **two** of their **teammates** they feel should be nominated for the Dean's List Award.

Although it is the Mentor/Coach who submits the nomination into *FIRST*'s system, the Team as a whole must **verify the accuracy** of the submission.

How Should We Decide?

Here are some ways teams have handled the decision:

- Ask all 10th and 11th graders write up an application (this is great practice for upcoming college applications).
- Ask all 10th and 11th graders to talk to the team about what they have done in *FIRST*.
- Have Seniors nominate the younger students.



When Do We Decide?

In our Region, we will conduct Dean's List interviews at all the Qualifiers. No interviews at Meets or Conference Qualifiers.

Submissions accepted from 9/10/19 to **10:59 pm** on the 15th of the month prior to the Qualifier your team is attending.

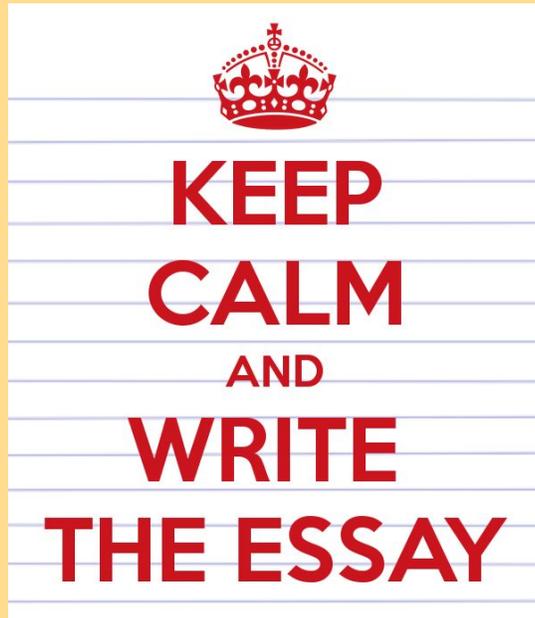
- December Qualifier(12/14) = **11/15/19**
- January Qualifier(1/11) = **12/15/19**



What Do We Need for a Nomination?

- Nominee Name
- Nominee Grade
- Nominee GPA
- Qualifying Event for the Dean's List Interview to take place
- Nomination essay of no more than 4,000 characters
- Student Address
- Student Photo – Optional, but highly recommend

Did You Say Essay?



- Yes, 4,000 character maximum (includes spaces).
- No essay, no interview.
- This is why you need to start early on this process.
- The decision process should give you lots to work with and the student can provide the key points. Remember the application idea?

What to Write About?



- How are they a leader?
- How have they helped increase the awareness of *FIRST*?
- Describe the student's interest and passion that demonstrates their long-term commitment to *FIRST*.
- Describe their technical expertise.
- Describe their entrepreneurship and creativity.
- What are the student's *individual* contributions to outreach or fundraising efforts?
- What are the student's *individual* contributions to the Team, whether it is building, programming, team captain, etc.?

What Happens Next?

All Semi-Finalists are interviewed at the Qualifiers.

- Two interviewers
- Short interview (5-7 minutes) to confirm and expand on essay points
- Interviewers submit brief notes about the interview

Interview Tips



- Relax
- Make eye contact
- Speak clearly
- Show your enthusiasm for *FIRST*
- Interviewers are there to hear about you – talk to them
- The interview (essentially) consists of the judges elaborating upon what is in your essay
 - What do you do on your team?
 - Why did you join a FIRST team?
 - How has it impacted you?
 - What do you see yourself doing with FIRST in the future?
- **This should be the easiest part of the process. It may seem intimidating, but it WILL go smooth if you really love FIRST.**

Missouri Finalists

- All Dean's List Semi-Finalists nominations and interview notes are reviewed by our Dean's List Reviewers.
- There are no more interviews.
- We have a set number **(3)** Dean's List Finalists Awards for Missouri.
- Winners will be announced at our Championship at Missouri S&T on March 7, 2020.

Dean's List Award Winners

At the *FIRST* Championship all *FIRST* Dean's List Finalists will be considered for the award as applicable. No interviews will take place at *FIRST* Championship. Judges will use the essays provided and any interview feedback available. Finalists need not be present at the *FIRST* Championship in order to be considered.

10 *FIRST* Tech Challenge Dean's List Award Winners will be chosen.

Dean's List Award Winners

- A unique trophy and public recognition at *FIRST* Championship
- A written recommendation from *FIRST* leadership to the college(s) or employers of their choice
- A credit towards the winning student's team's next season registration fee. The credit will be applied to the team from which the student was originally nominated for the award.
- A commemorative plaque for the student's school.
- An invitation for them and a chaperone to attend an expense paid *FIRST* Dean's List Award Summit at *FIRST* headquarters in Manchester, NH; and
- An opportunity to work with all members of the *FIRST* Dean's List and *FIRST* leaders to advance the Alumni mission of *FIRST*.

The Benefits of Applying for the Award

- You are the embodiment of FIRST
- Displayed at all 3 levels of the award
- From your team, to your school, to your community
- College Applications and Jobs
- Dean's List Students are a goldmine for colleges and universities
- Shows dedication and leadership skills in a setting that requires stellar performance
- Résumés
- Alumni Networking
- If you need guidance from peers, there are tons of networks for Dean's List Students to collaborate.

Tips for Your Application

- List out everything you have done on your team
Mechanic? Programmer? Business? Or a combination?
- What have you done in your school and community?
- Have you shown leadership skills in the classroom or community?
- Have you demonstrated or spread the word of FIRST in your school or community?
- Volunteer as much as you can!
FLL Jr, FLL, FTC, or FRC events
Any opportunities to volunteer as a FIRST Team. Ex. Food Bank
Mentor teams
- Be the guiding light for younger kids.
- Check out the resources (including actual essay submissions) from this team.
http://penfieldrobotics.com/media/awards/deans_list.php

Last Year's Finalists

- <http://moftcscores.net/rover-ruckus/event/sc>

Team	Student	School	Location
7547	Katherine Kostecki	JoeBotics	St. Louis, MO
2408	Meagan Murray	Shrapnel Sergeants	Hazelwood, MO
10127	Philippe Realina	Tesla's Knights	North Kansas City, MO
9808	Ethan Voss	Team Chargers	Olathe, KS