

# FIRST Robotics 283

## FRC Team Application, 2018-2019

### Eligible Students:

- Any student in grades 9-12, no matter what school they attend, is eligible to join.
- Student must be available after school on Monday's from 4 to 9pm then during the build season of six weeks (January – February) most evenings and weekends. Though not required to attend every meeting, make every effort to attend team activities, socials, presentations and competitions.
- Student must be very responsible, self-motivated, and mature. Must communicate through email.

**Meeting location for the 2018-2019 Season will be at Wade Hampton High Room FA107**

**Principle Contacts for the 2018-2019 Season will be:**

Director: Beth Leavitt, WHHS, c: 864-430-3330, [bleavitt@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:bleavitt@greenville.k12.sc.us)

Co-director: Dan Schnaars, WHHS c: 864-354-9340, [dschnaars@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:dschnaars@greenville.k12.sc.us)

### Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION *(PRINT legibly)*

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

Birthdate \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (circle) S M L XL

Student's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Texting (circle) Yes / No

Student's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Any previous Robotics experience? Yes / No

Describe: Jr. FLL Team \_\_\_\_\_ FLL Team \_\_\_\_\_ FTC Team \_\_\_\_\_

FRC Team \_\_\_\_\_ VEX Team \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Extracurricular Activities: Both in and out of school.

Activity 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule \_\_\_\_\_

Activity 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule \_\_\_\_\_

## EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS:

1. During Build Season (six weeks from early January thru February) students are required to attend meetings every Monday from 4-9; only extreme excuses cleared with Director. We expect an additional 2 days of shop work during the week and more the merrier. You will only get out of something what you put into it. We meet every day and though you are not required to be here every day you will only learn if you are here. Learn to manage your time appropriately. These hours are a requirement to attend a competition.
2. During Competition Season (March thru April) meeting every Monday from 400-900PM is required with additional hours assigned by Captain or Mentors. Competitions do not count toward hours.
3. During Summer, Outreach, Training, and Recruitment Season most Mondays meetings from 3-7 are required for training. Special projects may call for additional hours in shop, we want all students to do more than the robot. Students are expected to attend an outreach or volunteer whenever possible. Most of these will count toward another organization's service hours. We like to do at least one outreach or volunteer work each month, typically on the weekend. Participation in activities could be a factor in whether you are selected for drive team or competition.
4. Grade report due prior to competitions. Grades higher than 70% in every class required to attend competition. See Director for appropriate documentation.
5. All students are required to pay for uniforms and help with office operating expenses. We work hard to find funding to pay for the robot and entry fees so students do not have to. Returning students, who have prior year's shirts pay \$25. New students who require all uniforms (3 shirts) are required to pay \$75. Students who participate over the summer will pay \$50 ASAP nonrefundable but will be applied to participation costs for school year. See breakdown of costs at end. Competition travel is extra and typically run from \$200 to \$350 per trip (excluding Championships) and include team transportation, breakfast and dinner, and hotel. Every effort is made to reduce this amount through sponsorships, and fundraising events may be a credit to your account. Do not be put off by cost, contact director for an alternative funding plan.
6. Student Captains are mentor chosen positions after new student recruitment.
7. FIRST Robotics FRC Team 283, The Generals is a team intended for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. It is highly recommended that students have FLL, FTC, or VEX experience of at least one year prior to participation on a FRC team (recommended but not required.) Students who choose to participate in both FRC and/or FTC-VEX during the same calendar year must understand the separate time commitment for each and any role you have on FRC will be limited as deemed necessary. There are exceptions, contact leaders.
8. Students will be given safety training, are required to pass a basic safety quiz, and sign a safety contract. This student contract will be upheld.
9. Please know that you will get out of it what you put into it. This is an educational learning experience that is a lot of hard work, but also a lot of fun.

## Part B: PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: Additional person allowed to pick up student or call in emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact # \_\_\_\_\_

***Make sure both parent and student's e-mail is legibly written since most communication from the team is by e-mail.***

## **EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS:**

*General Robotics Club is a non-profit, parent volunteer organization. Parents are the most important part of the club since most of the coaching, teaching, mentoring and team assistance is done by parent volunteers like you. Every parent must be involved in order to benefit our children with the exciting and challenging learning opportunities as part of the FIRST program ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)).*

1. Each family is required to log 20 volunteer hours with the team over one calendar year or be assessed an additional charge of \$150. This can consist of helping to chaperone a competition, outreach event, or meetings. In addition "hours" can be accrued if you have a technical skill that can contribute to the team or assist with securing an additional sponsor.
2. Provide financial support as defined in Section 5 above in "Expectations of Students."
3. Required to provide 2 to 3 dinners on Monday, Friday and Saturdays during the build season.
4. Assist and support your child to uphold their responsibilities and obligations to the team.
5. Help your child with time management to juggle school and team competently.
6. Please know that we are here to help your child grow and mature. If you see a problem, or hear of one, please bring it to the attention of the Director/Assistant.

## **Possible volunteer positions and opportunities for volunteer hours:**

Technical Volunteer	Graphic design help
Shipping Volunteer	Hospitality Coordinator
Field Builder	Competition Volunteer
Shop Food	Field Trip Chaperone
Fundraising	Media Volunteer

## **Part C: PICTURE/COMMUNICATIONS RELEASE**

The student listed above may be pictured and identified by name in print publication (ex. newspapers, magazines, yearbooks, etc.) and digital media (ex. Website) published and distributed by the FIRST Robotics FRC Team 283. (Circle One) Yes No

How can you help the team to succeed? (i.e. any special skills, qualities, experiences, etc. you may have that will help the team in any way). Feel free to write on the back if more space is required.

Tell why you want to join the Robotics FRC Team 283. Feel free to write on the back if more space is required.

**Part D: SAFETY, students will receive safety training and be required to pass a safety test.**

1. Students will be required to wear personal protective equipment (safety glasses, ear plugs, gloves, closed toe shoes) for many jobs as directed by mentors and team captains.
2. Students must exhibit the proper shop behavior at all times including while at competition. This includes the correct use of equipment, respect to people and property around you, maintaining an awareness of hazards, and helping others in the spirit of FIRST's "gracious professionalism".
3. When traveling, students must obey bus/vehicle rules, maintain communication with chaperones and mentors, always use the "buddy" system, and maintain a good attitude to help the team when necessary.
4. Students will be given a verbal warning the first offense, parent call the second offense, and conference and possible dismissal on the third offense. If the offense is egregious enough it may prompt a conference immediately.

**Part E: HEALTH INFORMATION**

1. What physical or mental health issues does your child have that are important for the director (Beth Leavitt) to know to ensure the safety of your child?

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2. Medications: List any the student takes daily:

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3. During overnight travel do you give permission for your child to receive any over the counter medication such as Tylenol, Benadryl, etc: List what you will allow:  
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4. Allergies: List  
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5. Does your child carry an epipen? YES NO

## **Part F: CONSENT, RELEASE, AND HOLD HARMLESS**

By signing this form, we acknowledge and consent to the following:

- We have read all the information and agreed with all the terms and conditions.
- We will or have participated in a Parent Orientation.
- We agree to the fee structure.
- We agree to help the team by giving 20 volunteer hours, or be assessed a fee of \$150 in addition to the student annual dues.
- We understand that due to the nature of robotics activities, even with proper instructions, precautions, and supervisions, the risk of serious injury cannot be totally eliminated. We recognize this risk and choose to participate in the Robotics Team activities. We agree to hold harmless and indemnify the School District of Greenville County, its agents and trustees, all the adult volunteers, mentors, any high school, and sponsor companies from any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, actions, causes of action, or suits of any kind or nature, and particularly on account of all injuries, both to person and property, at any time or any place relating to or arising out of the participation in Robotics Team activities.
- Parents give permission for students to ride, on occasion, to robotics activities via pre-arranged transportation. Bus transportation is ALWAYS the preferred method of transportation. On occasion students may be able to travel with one of the mentors but always never alone with one of the mentors, see the vehicle and insurance information below. The mentor will **always** personally call the parent prior to transporting a student via personal vehicle for additional permission.  
Vehicle registered: Ford Expedition, Blue, 2017, with Geico Insurance #4226-98-21-81, driving with Beth Leavitt DL#3181594  
Vehicle registered: Toyota 4 Runner, Gray/Blue, 2002, KAV809 with Horace Mann Insurance # 39-75441060, driving with Dan Schnaars
- The student understands and will follow the safety rules in all locations that our team meets.
- Please provide for a means of communication between your child and you at all times the child is participating in robotics activities. Thank you.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Team costs:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Team application fee (one T-shirt) Everyone pays this  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Competition T-shirts (2) New students to team

Competition fees will be announced well in advance and have a firm deadline. There may be a limited number of seats available to attend therefore promptness on these payments guarantee a student's spot.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total    *Write checks to WHHS FIRST Robotics 283*

VERY IMPORTANT! WRITE THIS DOWN TO DO LATER! Parents and Students will need to go to:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/youth-team-member-consent-and-release-form>

Read the requirements to register your student in *FIRST* and complete the consent and release forms, all done online.