



- Minnesota was the first state association in the nation to partner with FIRST to sponsor a State Robotics Competition
- Minnesota has 180 teams competing in FIRST Robotics
 - 2006: 2 teams
 - 2007: 16 teams
 - 2008: 54 teams
 - 2009: 81 teams
 - 2010: 105 teams
 - 2011: 131 teams
 - 2012: 153 teams
 - 2013: 180 teams
- Many colleges and universities, professional associations, and corporations offer college scholarships to high school students on FIRST teams. Currently there are more than 150 scholarship providers that are making available more than 750 individual scholarship opportunities with a total value of nearly \$16 Million.

Congratulations to the teams that have qualified for the State Robotics Championship! Teams qualified through a point-system designed by a committee of Minnesota FIRST leaders.

Prior Lake High School
Irondale High School
Alexandria Jefferson High School
New London-Spicer High School
International School of Minnesota
Visitation High School
Thief River Falls High School
Math and Science Academy, Woodbury
Tartan High School
Crookston High School
Becker High School
Frazee-Vergas High School
East Ridge High School
La Crescent High School
Edina High School
Chaska High School

RiverBend Academy and
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial high schools
Maple Grove High School
Owatonna High School
Simley High School
Morris Area High School
Anoka High School
St. Cloud Apollo, Tech and
Cathedral high schools
Eagan High School
Eden Prairie High School
Duluth East High School
Two Harbors High School
North High School, North St. Paul
Nevis High School
North Branch-Chisago Lakes Area High Schools

The State Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Williams Arena on the University of Minnesota campus. Qualifying matches will begin at 9:00 a.m., with championship rounds to begin at 2:30 p.m..

Spectators are also welcome to tour the "pits," the workshop area for the competing teams (be sure to arrive in closed-toe shoes, or you will not be allowed into the pit area.)

If you are interested in starting a team, attending the State Tournament (or sending students/teachers) would be a great opportunity to witness the excitement of this rapidly growing activity.

Substantial financial grants for teams are available, and nearly every rookie team gets off the ground with significant grants from national organizations.

Contact Ken Rosen, FIRST assistant regional director, if you are interested in starting a team; he also facilitates the grant process (kr71@aol.com, 952-884-5169).



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State Robotics Tournament