



ROBOTICS EDUCATION &
COMPETITION FOUNDATION

SUMMIT

| ROBOTICS PROGRAMS |



GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

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MEET OUR TEAM

Robotics Education & Competition Foundation



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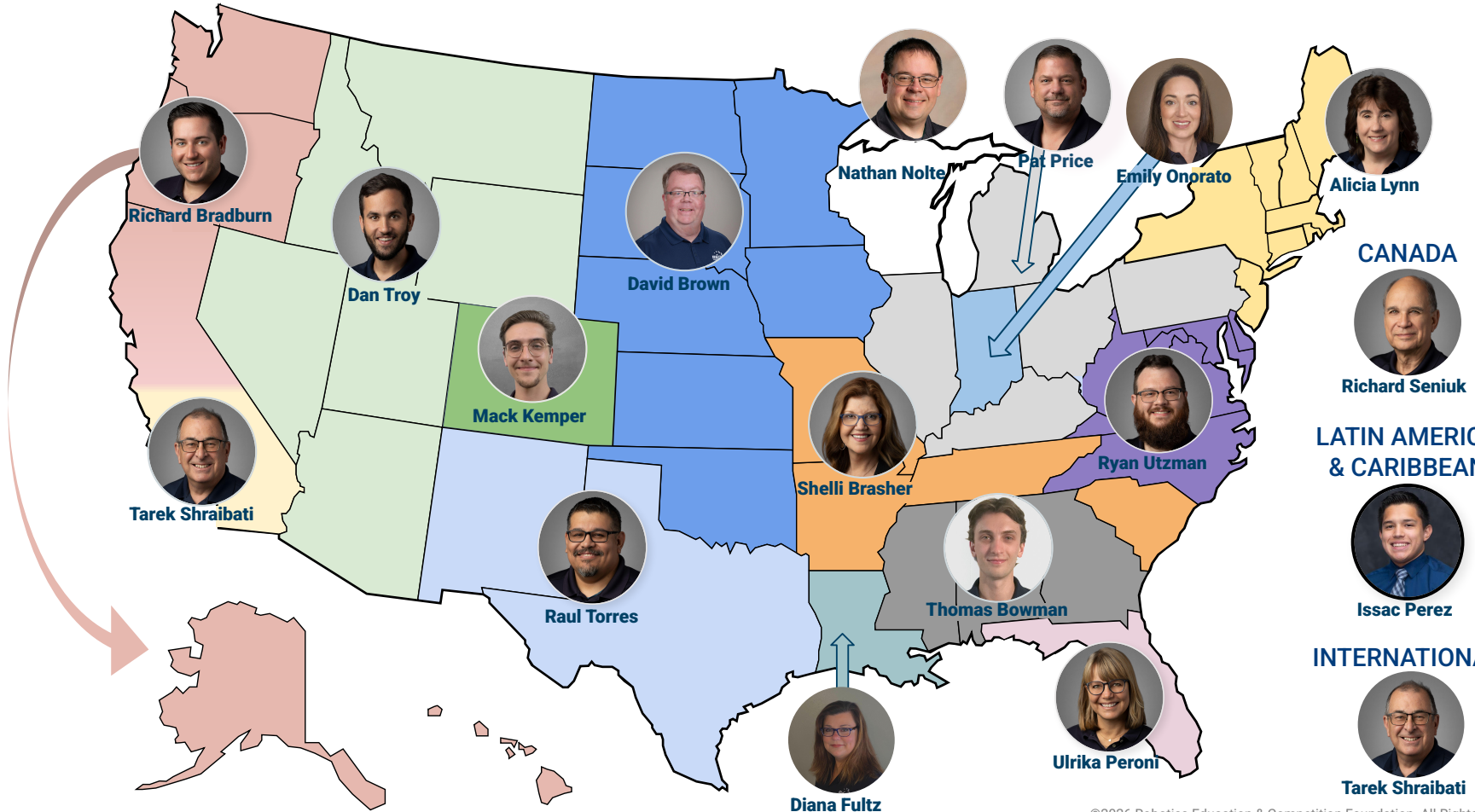


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MANAGER MAP



SPONSORS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting Through Global Partnerships

By engaging with partners on a global scale, the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation creates opportunities for educators and students to explore STEM possibilities they might not have imagined. We are both humbled and proud that these organizations see the immense value in our mission to provide every educator with the tools they need to build the workforce of the future.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to each of these institutions for their continued support. For more information on partnering with the RECF, contact us at development@recf.org.



Team Grants 2026-2027 SEASON IS NOW OPEN!



Please stay informed
by regularly visiting
recf.org or recfevents.org



RECF Robotics
RECF Drones
RECF Event Partners



Reach out to
grants@recf.org
directly if you have any
questions about
available grants.



Grant Information

BEFORE APPLYING

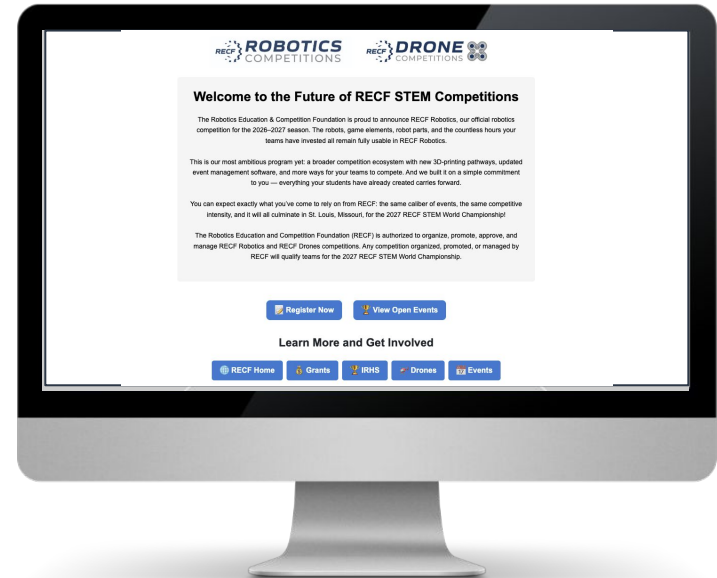
- You must be **18 years of age or older** to apply.
- You must have a **valid account at www.RECFEvents.org**
- RECFEvents.org account **email must be verified** to be considered valid.
- **Complete and pass a background check***
- Must have an applicant who can **accept the Terms and Conditions** on behalf of the organization. *By signing and submitting the application, the applicant is accepting T&C's
- If you are applying as the Organizational/District Contact, you must complete an application request for **each campus**.



CREATING A RECF.ORG ACCOUNT

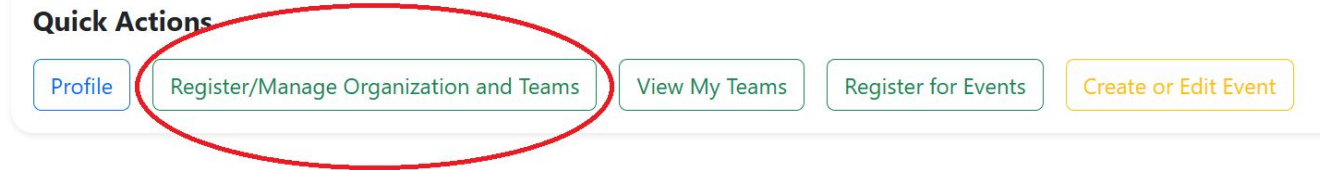
Getting Started with RECF Events

1. Go to RECFevents.org
2. Click Register at the top right corner
3. Enter your Information
4. Click Register at the bottom of the screen
5. Verify your account by confirming your email address
6. *If you have trouble or experience issues, please reach out to your RSM*



REGISTER/CLAIM YOUR ORGANIZATION

- Log in, and click “Dashboard” in the upper left part of the screen. Then click “**Register/Manage Organizations and Teams**”.



- For **brand new organizations**, click the “**+Add**” button and enter your specific organization information. You will be assigned a random number or series of letters depending on your program.
- For **returning organizations**, click the red “**Claim your Organization(s)**” button. If your email address matches the Primary Coach email address from last year you will see your past organization numbers(s) appear in a list after clicking the button.
 - Claim your organization number.

Claim Your Organization(s)



If you can't find your previous organization number please reach out to your RSM

CREATING AND REGISTERING TEAMS

- After you have created your organization, login and click “Dashboard” in the upper left part of the screen. Then click “**Register/Manage Organizations and Teams**”.
- Click on the **green “TEAMS” button** to add your teams. You will be asked to fill out the team number, team name, grade level, and anticipated payment type.

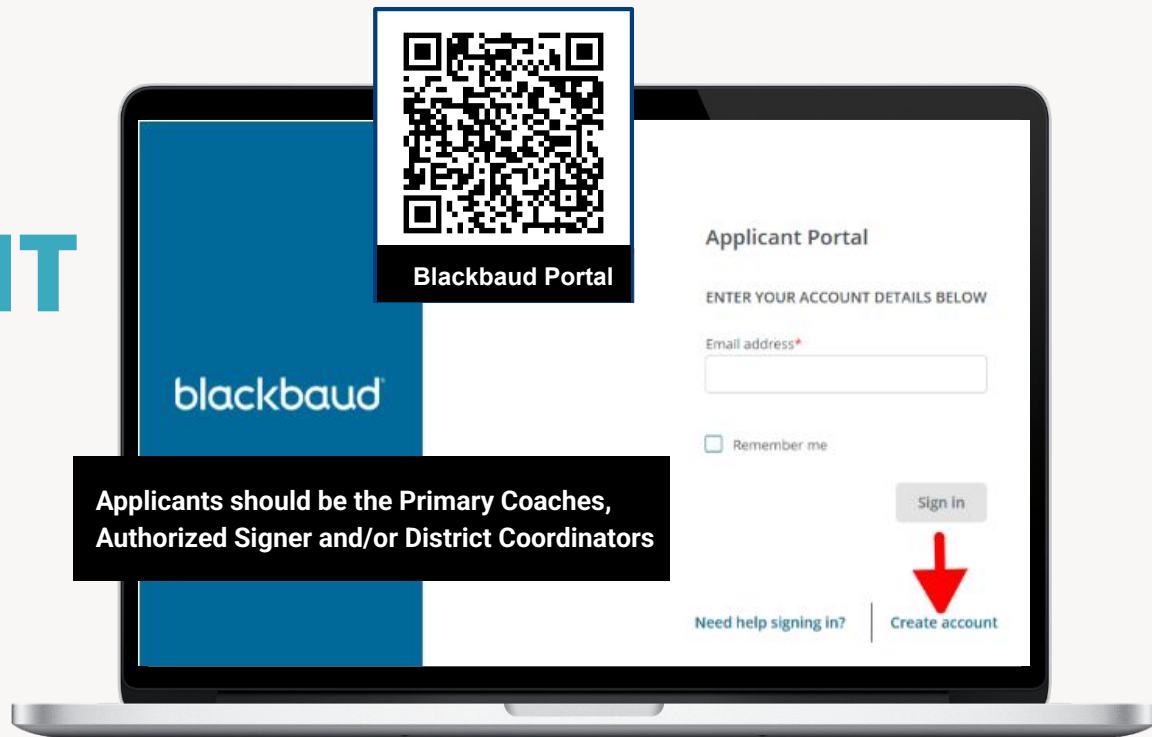
Org Name	City	State	Country	Zipcode	Organization Type	
Sample Organization	Greenville	Texas	United States	75402	Public School	TEAMS Edit Delete



ALL teams applying for grant support MUST remain in an unpaid status

blackbaud® GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Blackbaud is a leading cloud-computing software company that provides purpose-built technology exclusively for the social impact sector. It caters to nonprofits, educational institutions, healthcare organizations, and corporations. Essentially, it serves as the operational and fundraising backbone for charitable and educational organizations.

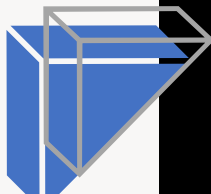


GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE

Important Reminders

To best ensure communications are received, add mail@grantapplication.com and noreply@yourcause.com to your email safe sender list.

GSM will be in contact via email and phone if additional information is needed.



01//

Once submitted, the application is assigned to a Grant Support Manager (GSM), who will make contact with you within 48 hours.

02//

Initial Review Stage- The assigned GSM will review the information submitted and work to match the organization with available funding based on sponsor requirements.

03//

Application Status:

- Approved- Congratulations!
- Application on HOLD- 5 days to complete action items
- Future Consideration

WHAT IS “FUTURE CONSIDERATION”?

FC- Due to Inactivity

Applicant has not completed required steps:

- GSM was not able to reach applicant
- RECF Events account not created
- Background check not completed

Applicant must reach out to GSM to reopen application. Application moved to the bottom of the queue.

“First ready, first served”

*All contact information listed on the application should be correct (reachable phone numbers)

FC- No current grant available

No current grant opportunities through the RECF available to support the requested needs.

- No current grants for a specific platform
- Applicant does not meet sponsor qualifications.
- Teams have already paid seasonal registration

*If new funding becomes available, GSMs will reach out to reopen the application.

APPLY EARLY

GRANT APPLICATION



Funding Request

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Be sure to reach out to your Program Manager or Regional Support Manager if you have any questions.

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GRANT REQUIREMENT

Approved Grants:

- Compete in one RECF-sanctioned event this season
- Upload paid Event Invoice
- Upload team pictures for sponsors
- Agrees to return for a second competition season

***Grants with coach stipends
will need to provide a W 9**

COMPLETING THE W9

Complete an IRS form W-9

- Provide your full legal **name** or **your School's name**
- **Federal tax classification** (Individual/sole proprietor)
- **Mailing address** (this is where the check will be mailed)
- **Taxpayer Identification Number** (Social Security Number or Employer ID).
- **Sign, date, and return** the one-page document to
Grants@RECF.org (do not send it to the IRS)



RECF W9

W 9 for Primary Coach

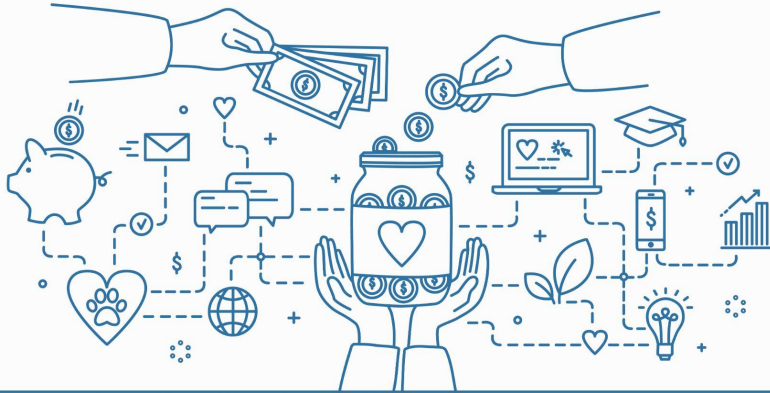
Primary Coach's information
should be listed on the W 9
***Responsible for taxes**

W 9 for the Organization

Organization's information
should be submitted for funds
to be directed into program

OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

FUNDRAISING



- Sponsorships and Business Partnerships
- School and District Support
- Community Fundraising Events
- Crowdfunding and Online Giving
- Product Sales
- Becoming an Event Partner

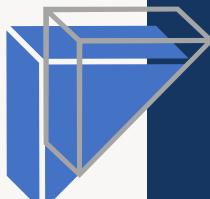
SPONSORSHIPS AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Potential Sponsors

- Manufacturing companies
- Engineering firms
- Technology companies
- Banks and credit unions
- Local service organizations
- Chambers of Commerce

Ideas

- Offer logo placement on team shirts, banners, and robots.
- Create sponsorship levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum).
- Invite sponsors to team showcases and competitions.
- Share student success stories and community impact reports.



SCHOOL AND DISTRICT **SUPPORT**

Sources

- School activity funds
- STEM budgets
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) funds
- PTO/PTA organizations
- Education foundations

Ideas

- Present team accomplishments to the school board.
- Demonstrate how robotics supports state academic standards.
- Highlight participation, leadership, and career readiness outcomes.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Robotics Showcase Night

Invite families, businesses, and community leaders to:

- Watch robot demonstrations
- Drive robots
- Meet team members
- Learn about STEM careers

Charge admission or accept donations.

STEM Family Night

Offer hands-on STEM activities and charge a small participation fee.

Community Dinner or Pancake Breakfast

Partner with local restaurants, churches, or civic organizations.

Robotics Camps

Host Summer camps, Fall break camps and or Winter workshops. Older students can serve as mentors and instructors.

Parent's Night Out

Provide supervised STEM activities while parents enjoy an evening out.

CROWDFUNDING AND ONLINE GIVING

Platforms can help reach alumni, relatives, and supporters.

Strategies

- Share student stories
- Post videos of robots in action
- Explain exactly how donations will be used
- Set specific funding goals



Examples

- Team registration
- Competition travel
- New robotics kits
- Championship attendance

PRODUCT SALES

Traditional fundraising can still be highly effective when it reflects the interests and values of your local community. Activities such as community dinners, bake sales, car washes, silent auctions, golf tournaments, raffles (where permitted by local laws), and local business sponsorships can generate meaningful support while building awareness of your robotics program.



Examples:

- Team apparel/Spirit wear
- Discount cards
- Local business coupon books
- Popcorn, coffee, or candy sales

Focus on products people actually want rather than requiring students to make numerous sales.



BECOME AN EVENT PARTNER

The common goal of the RECF and Event Partners is providing teams with quality and uniform competition experiences throughout our programs.

Steps to take

1. Contact your Regional Support Manager (RSM)
2. Request EP account permissions on RECFevents.org.
3. Complete the RECF EP Certification.
4. Post your event on RECFevents.org
5. Gain EP experience.

Benefits

- EP Funding Support
- Registration fees
- Opportunities for sponsors & concessions



RECF Trainings





RECF Support



**How to Contact Your RSM
and additional RECF Support**



RECF Library





Address

111 Taylor Plaza Drive
Greenville, Texas 07542
United States

Phone

(903) 401-8088

Website

recf.org

recfevents.org

Contact Us

A black and white photograph of three young boys standing together and smiling. They are all wearing dark-colored hoodies with a circular, mechanical, vortex-like graphic on the front. The word "VORTEX" is printed in a stylized font at the bottom of each graphic. The boy on the left is wearing glasses. The boy in the middle is also wearing glasses and has curly hair. The boy on the right is wearing a watch on his left wrist. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a school setting. A large, bold, white text "Thank you" is overlaid in the center of the image. A solid teal vertical bar is on the far left side of the image.

Thank you