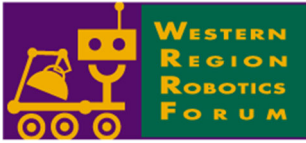# CalGames 2023 Award Descriptions

## Outstanding Mentor Award

A MENTOR earns this award with support for a team and its members or the WRRF community at large. An effective mentoring relationship is characterized by mutual respect, trust, understanding, and empathy. Good mentors share life experiences and wisdom, as well as technical expertise. They are good listeners, good observers, and good problem-solvers. They make efforts to know, accept, and respect the goals and interests of a student. In the end, they establish an environment in which the student's accomplishment is limited only by the extent of their talent.

- Pre-submitted nomination by October 6, 5PM via *JotForm* text boxes and up to two attachments submitted via JotForm.
- No more than one nomination per team please.

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*Interviews during Event after pre-submitted information*

## WRRF Founders Award

This award recognizes outstanding effort in promoting STEM, celebrating STEM and passing it down to youth, across to peers, and up to alumni/adults/seniors. The team has an ultimate goal of inspiring respect and honor for science and technology and encouraging more of today's youth to become science, engineering, and technology leaders. The award honors the accomplishments and measured successes that the team has sustained over the past three to five years.

- The WRRF Founders Award includes an **interview** and **essay** (pre-submitted by October 4, 5PM via *JotForm* text boxes).
- **INTERVIEW** would be with a maximum of 3 students and timed (**12 minutes** maximum). Students may present information at the interview (maximum 7 minutes) with Q&A (5 minutes), or just Q&A for the allotted time.

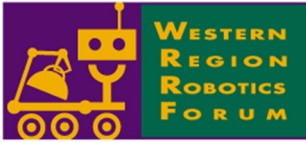| | |
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## Entrepreneurship Award

This award recognizes that it takes money to make robots and to compete in robotics competitions year after year. This award recognizes a team that has developed a process to find, foster, and grow funding resources, allowing their team to be successful. This award recognizes more than simple fund raising; it recognizes the team spirit and enthusiasm needed to develop a strong set of sponsor-team relationships. A business plan or display would be helpful.

- **Business Plan**: submit answers via *JotForm* text boxes with attachments (if any) uploaded to JotForm, due by October 4, 5pm.
- **INTERVIEW** would be with a maximum of 3 students and timed (**10 minutes** maximum). Students may present information at the interview (maximum 6 minutes) with Q&A (4 minutes), or just Q&A for the allotted time. (10-minute interview slot)

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# CalGames 2023 Award Descriptions

## Judging during Event

## Rookie Inspiration Award

The first year for a team, whether it's the very first year in FRC or as a pre-rookie team, is a challenging one. Usually, one team inspires us all with its efforts and accomplishments as a team, symbolizing all that WRRF is about. This award recognizes such a team.

## System Design Strategy Award

The System Design Strategy Award recognizes an exceptional system design for a robot, game, or other innovation and how it is intended to meet the design intentions. The winner of this award may demonstrate a unique or exceptional design element (software and/or hardware) to the judges with a description of the intent versus the design outcome.

## Imagery Award

Awarded to the team with the most visually attractive design of their machine, team appearance, and uses these to create a marketing strategy and executed implementation plan to generate awareness and build interest in the team and their robot.

## Innovation Award

This award recognizes a SPECIFIC example of an innovative approach to a (1) partnership, (2) manufacturing method, (3) project, excluding the game challenge robot or (3) use of technology (on the robot or in another project) implemented over the past 12 to 18 months. The team representative must be able to describe the need, how their approach addresses that need, and the level of success.

## Autonomous Action Award

This award started in 2003 when the FIRST competition introduced autonomous mode. In prior years, for the first 15 seconds, teams relied completely on software to control their robot to gain strategic advantages on the playing field. WRRF believes software that enables the robot to move or operate autonomously (throughout the game) is a valuable learning experience for all robotics students, thus, this award recognizes the work programmers did on their robot and challenges them to make the program most effective.

## Judges Award

During the competition, the judging panel may encounter a team whose unique efforts, performance, or dynamics merit recognition with this award.

## Award Based on Event Performance

## Champions & Finalists

Based on Alliance match play

## Highest Seeded Rookie (if two or more rookies are registered)

Based on match play: highest ranked rookie team

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