

**To whom it may concern,**

Thank you for showing an interest in Bixby Robotics. We are a high school robotics team located in Bixby, Oklahoma that has competed in the FIRST Robotics Competition since 2008. FIRST is an international organization whose mission “is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.” FIRST was founded by Dean Kamen, the inventor of the Segway, in 1992. Each year FIRST unveils a new game at the kickoff in January. Teams are given six weeks to build a robot that handles the task given at the kickoff. A new task is given to teams each year. The robots built by FIRST teams are not toys, but weigh up to 120 pounds and fit within 28” x 38”. To operate the robots students are given access to high-powered electronics which otherwise would not be available. More information about the competition can be found at [usfirst.org](http://usfirst.org).

Participating in this competition can be very costly and we have to rely on the support of sponsors. Each year we compete in two regional events and the world championship, if we advance. The initial fee is \$6,000, which includes a kit of parts and admission to one regional. The second regional is \$4,000 to enter. The two regional events we pick could be in Oklahoma City, Dallas, Kansas City, or St. Louis. If we are able to attend the Championship in Atlanta, Georgia the entry fee is \$5,000. In addition to the entry fees, the team has to pay for transportation, lodging, food, and extra parts. Bixby Public Schools does not provide any monetary support for the team, therefore it is up to the members to raise the money required to participate. We are in our third season and in the past we have been able to raise just enough money to compete. To be more competitive and further our team we would like to make some upgrades to our work garage, purchase new tools (i.e. CNC machines, band saw, air tools, metal benders), and buy an enclosed trailer to carry our equipment to events instead of renting a U-Haul each time. Running a robotics team is expensive, but it gives students scholarship opportunities and encourages them to become engineers, an occupation growing in demand in the United States.

Our program is seeking your support. We are looking for any form of donations: monetary, equipment, labor, advice. For monetary donations we have 5 levels of sponsorship for companies, which are listed below. For other types of donations we would still like to recognize you or your company for your support. If you would like to meet with the team or talk to our mentor, Daniel Eddings, please reach us with the information below.

Thank you for your time,

**BIXBYROBOTICS**  
TEAM 2424

# Levels of Sponsorship:

## **Titanium**

**\$2,500+**

- 2 Year Lease
- Placement on trailer (driven to competitions, such as, Dallas, OKC, Atlanta)
  - Announced at Competition
  - Robot Placement
  - T-Shirt Placement
- Left Side Web Site Placement
  - Sponsor Page Placement
  - Free T-shirt

## **Platinum**

**\$1,000+**

- 1 Year Lease
- Announced at Competition
  - Robot Placement
  - T-Shirt Placement
- Left Side Web Site Placement
  - Sponsor Page Placement
  - Free T-shirt

## **Gold**

**\$500+**

- 1 Year Lease
- T-Shirt Placement
- Left Side Web Site Placement
  - Sponsor Page Placement
  - Free T-shirt

## **Silver**

**\$100+**

- 1 Year Lease
- Sponsor Page Placement
- Free T-shirt

## **Bronze**

**\$20+**

- Free T-shirt

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