

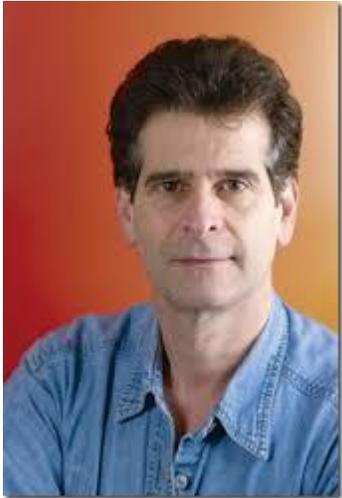


DEAN'S LIST AWARD

Missouri and Kansas

2016-2017

What is the Dean's List Award?



Dean Kamen

In an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding *FIRST* Tech Challenge students, the Kamen family sponsors an Award for selected top students known as the *FIRST* Dean's List. Since its introduction in 2010, the *FIRST* Dean's List Award has attracted the attention of prestigious colleges and universities who desire to recruit *FIRST* Dean's List students.

How Does It Work?

Similar to the very prestigious National Merit Scholarship Award winners, there are three (3) “categories” of *FIRST* Dean’s List Award students:

***FIRST* Dean’s List Semi-Finalists**

FIRST Dean’s List Semi-Finalists are the students nominated by each Team.

***FIRST* Dean’s List Finalists**

The students selected to be recognized at each State/Regions Championship.

***FIRST* Dean’s List Winners**

The group of 10 students who receive the Dean’s List Award at the *FIRST* World Championship.

Who Can be Nominated?

Each team is invited to submit up to two (2) members who become their Dean's List Semi-Finalists.

Nominees must be in the 10th or 11th grade.



Semi-Finalists interviewed at SEMO Qualifier last year.

What's the Criteria?

Criteria for selection of the *FIRST* Dean's List shall include, but not be limited to a student's:

- Demonstrated leadership and commitment to the ideals of *FIRST*;
- Interest in and passion for a long term commitment to *FIRST* and its ideals;
- Overall individual contribution to their Team;
- Technical expertise and passion;
- Entrepreneurship and creativity;
- Ability to motivate and lead fellow Team members; and
- Ability to effectively increase awareness of *FIRST* in their school and community.

Who Decides?

The entire *FIRST* Tech Challenge Team should work together to determine which two of their teammates they feel should be nominated for the Dean's List Award.

Although it is the Mentor/Coach who submits the nomination into *FIRST's* system, the Team as a whole must verify the accuracy of the submission.

How Should We Decide?

Here are some ways teams have handled the decision:

- Ask all 10th and 11th graders write up an application (this is great practice for upcoming college applications).
- Ask all 10th and 11th graders to talk to the team about what they have done in *FIRST*.
- Have Seniors nominate the younger students.



When Do We Decide?

In our Region, we will conduct Dean's List interviews at the Qualifiers. Nominations are due before 10:59 pm on the 15th of the month prior to the Qualifier your team is attending.

- Nov. 15th – Flo Valley, Smithville and Camdenton Qualifiers
- Dec. 15th – Meramec, Blue Valley and SEMO Qualifiers
- Jan. 15th – Selvidge Qualifier

Note: Qualifier registration opens Oct. 12th



What Do We Need for a Nomination?

- Nominee Name
- Nominee Grade
- Nominee GPA
- Qualifying Event for the Dean's List Interview to take place
- Nomination essay of no more than 4,000 characters
- Student Address
- Student Photo (optional) – highly recommend

Did You Say Essay?



**KEEP
CALM
AND
WRITE
THE ESSAY**

- Yes, 4,000 word maximum.
- No essay, no interview.
- This is why you need to start early on this process.
- The decision process should give you lots to work with and the student can provide the key points. Remember the application idea?

What to Write About?



- How are they a leader?
- How have they helped increase the awareness of *FIRST*?
- Describe the student's interest and passion that demonstrates their long-term commitment to *FIRST*.
- Describe their technical expertise.
- Describe their entrepreneurship and creativity.
- What are the student's *individual* contributions to outreach or fundraising efforts?
- What are the student's *individual* contributions to the Team, whether it is building, programming, team captain, etc.?

What Happens Next?

All Semi-Finalists are interviewed at the Qualifiers.

- Two interviewers
- Short interview (5-7 minutes) to confirm and expand on essay points
- Interviewers submit brief notes about the interview

Interview Tips

- Relax
- Make eye contact
- Speak clearly
- Show your enthusiasm for *FIRST*
- Interviewers are there to hear about you – talk to them



Missouri Finalists

- All Dean's List Semi-Finalists nominations and interview notes are reviewed by our Dean's List Reviewers.
- There are no more interviews.
- We have 4 Dean's List Finalists Awards for Missouri/Kansas.
- Winners are announced at our Championship at Missouri S&T on March 4, 2017.

Dean's List Award Winners

At the *FIRST* Championship all *FIRST* Dean's List Finalists will be considered for the award as applicable. No interviews will take place at *FIRST* Championship. Judges will use the essays provided and any interview feedback available. Finalists need not be present at the *FIRST* Championship in order to be considered.

10 *FIRST* Tech Challenge Dean's List Award Winners will be chosen.

Dean's List Award Winners

- A unique trophy and public recognition at *FIRST* Championship
- A written recommendation from *FIRST* leadership to the college(s) or employers of their choice
- A credit towards the winning student's team's next season registration fee. The credit will be applied to the team from which the student was originally nominated for the award.
- A commemorative plaque for the student's school.
- An invitation for them and a chaperone to attend an expense paid *FIRST* Dean's List Award Summit at *FIRST* headquarters in Manchester, NH; and
- An opportunity to work with all members of the *FIRST* Dean's List and *FIRST* leaders to advance the Alumni mission of *FIRST*.

2016 Dean's List Award Winners



You may know one of the winners!

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