

2. AWARDS

2.1 Chairman's Award

The Chairman's Award is presented to the team which is judged to have created the best partnership effort between team partners: pre-college school(s), universities and/or businesses. All teams participating in the 1996 Competition are eligible for this award. The recipient of this award is decided by an independent panel of judges at the National Championship.

While U.S. FIRST continues to leave this award without specific criteria, there have developed certain themes which seem to best illustrate the partnerships efforts which stand out above others. In 1994, the team efforts continued to progress and develop beyond what we could have predicted so that the judges for the first time named finalists. The entries which were among that group consistently showed the impact that this program had on all team members and their families.

Documentation may consist of any combination of the following:

- Video footage in VHS format, 15 minute maximum length
- Photos
- Written chronicle
- Electronic document (one file only) on 3.5" disk in one of the following formats:
 - Microsoft Word for Windows 2.0
 - Microsoft Word for Macintosh 5.1
 - ASCII Text with no more than 80 characters per line

The computer used to view the electronic documentation may not have any multimedia capabilities, such as digital audio or motion video, or other applications, such as spreadsheets. Do not embed any sound, video, or links to other applications in the document. Embedded images are acceptable.

This material need not be professionally produced, but should clearly convey the effort made to develop a successful school/university or school/business partnership. The recipient will be announced at the National Championship during the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 20, 1996.

ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE IN U.S. FIRST OFFICES NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1996.

The Chairman's Award will be presented at the Awards Celebration on Saturday evening, April 20, 1996. The team carries home a traveling trophy—a high-tech, custom crafted Dean Kamen Clock, which the *New York Times* called "Art That Ticks."

Chairman's Award Materials: Tips

- Avoid going into great detail on the game itself. Use your valuable video time and written space to tell the judges about your partnership.
- If your team submits a video be sure it is of good visual and audio quality. It does not need to be professional but it is imperative that the judges see and hear your message.

2.2 Founder's Award

Each year U.S. FIRST presents this award to honor a company, university or individual that has contributed significantly to the growth of the competition through year-round efforts.

Last year's winner, Walt Disney World, will pass on the trophy clock to the '96 winner at the Awards Celebration in Orlando.

2.3 Judges' Awards

On Saturday evening, April 20, 1995, U.S. FIRST will hold an awards celebration at the Innoventions Fountain at Epcot Center. At this event, a special judging panel will present the following awards:

- Chairman's Award
- 1996 National Champion
- Most Creative Design
- Best Offensive Round
- Outstanding Defense
- Best Play of the Day
- Best Team Spirit Display
- Best Sportsmanship
- Number One Seed
- Most Photogenic
- The Procter & Gamble Creativity Award
- Motorola Quality Award
- Honeywell Leadership in Control Award
- Autodesk Excellence in Engineering Creativity and Communication Award
(Determined by a special Autodesk judging panel prior to the event)
- Rookie All-Stars (3)

A regional series of judges awards is also planned.

2.4 Animation Competition

Information about the Autodesk Animation Competition is located in Appendix C.