



The ORTOP FLL Core Values Nomination Process

Statement from FIRST LEGO League International

Approximately 12 to 15 percent (10 - 12) of teams globally will be invited through a nomination process submitted by the Operational Partner in your region, based on the team's display of FLL Values during the season. The nomination process is not dependent on a team attending an FLL event, but rather by the actions of the team.



Teams do not have to participate in the self nomination process but all teams are expected to adhere and exhibit FLL Core Values at their meetings and events.

The Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program will nominate 2 teams we feel have demonstrated exceptional FLL Core Values for the World Festival FLL Core Values Nomination. Teams can self nominate themselves through process described below.

The ORTOP FLL Core Values Nomination Committee will holistically review the following elements in their deliberation process.

- **Required Element:** An essay written by the team members answering questions how they have demonstrated FLL Core Values in team meetings, outside their team meetings and at FLL Tournaments (if they attended). An adult may type the responses but editing is not permitted. The essay can not exceed 2 pages, 12 pt New Times Roman font, 1/2 inch margins, with questions inserted before the response and the team/coach contact info. Hand written essays are acceptable if hand writing is readable.
- **Supporting Elements if available:**
 - Teamwork scores from Qualifying and Championship events. It is possible for a team not to attend a tournament and still be nominated.
 - Nomination Recommendation from a Teamwork Judge.
 - FLL Core Values observations (positive or negative behavior) submitted by Qualifying or Championship Tournament Officials.
- **Other Requirements and Expectations**
 - A working robot that can attempt at least some missions on the Power Puzzle board
 - A Power Puzzle Project presentation.
 - If nominated by ORTOP FLL Core Values Committee and if selected by the World Festival FLL Core Values Committee, the team(s) would be responsible for funding their trip to the FIRST World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia on April 17 – 19, 2008.

Essays submission must be postmarked no earlier than December 17, 2007 and no later than January 22, 2008. The nomination committee will convene in late January to make our recommendations to the World Festival FLL Core Values Selection Committee.

FLL Core Values are defined as:

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find the solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display gracious professionalism in everything we do.
- We have fun!

A few words about Gracious Professionalism

Dr. Woodie Flowers, FIRST National Advisor and Pappalardo Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, coined the term "Gracious Professionalism."

Gracious Professionalism is part of the ethos of FIRST. It's a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community.

With Gracious Professionalism, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions. Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process. They avoid treating anyone like losers. No chest thumping tough talk, but no sticky-sweet platitudes either. Knowledge, competition, and empathy are comfortably blended.

In the long run, Gracious Professionalism is part of pursuing a meaningful life. One can add to society and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing one has acted with integrity and sensitivity.

To see a video of Woodie Flowers explaining Gracious Professionalism:

<http://www.usfirst.org/who/content.aspx?id=36>

The Essay

FLL Team # _____ FLL Team Name _____

Coach _____ Coach Email: _____

Coach Phone: _____

Q 1) Tell us how your team members worked as a team to find solutions to the Power Puzzle Challenge. How did your coaches and mentors guide you?

Q 2) Tell us how your team showed the spirit of friendly competition.

Q 3) Is there something your team discovered about science, robotics, technology, teamwork or yourselves that was more important than any trophy your team could win.

Q 4) Did your team share your FLL experience with others between May 5, 2007 and January 21, 2008? Did you share your experience with people in FLL or not in FLL? What did you do and what did you learn from the experience?

Please include with whom you shared your FLL experience, contact name, phone or email address and relationship to team.

Q 5) Read the definition of Gracious Professionalism stated above. For any words or phrases you do not know the meaning of have your coach help you understand them. Tell us about a Gracious Professionalism experience your team had.

Q 6) What was the most fun moment your team had this season?