

What it takes

Due to the high costs of running a FIRST Robotics Team, funding for the Chesaning High School Robotics Team is heavily reliant on donations from Local Businesses and Corporate Companies. These donations are used to cover registration fees, building materials, team expenses and general operation of the Chesaning High School Robotics Team. Partnership donations have any immense impact on the Gears of Fortune's students, by providing financial backing to create an once-in-a-lifetime experience.

By working hand-in-hand with companies to promote their business, students also gain an appreciation for "real-world" business sense, as well as an introduction to the corporate business atmosphere. This being said, we know that many of our students "work" at other things such as jobs and sports. Therefore we do not have a 100% attendance policy. We do however, require that a member attend (physically or through networking) at least 65% of the scheduled meetings.

All donations are fully tax-deductible, and all funds are handled directly through the Chesaning High School main office. Any checks should be made to Chesaning Union Schools with Robotics in the memo section.

The following is an estimate and summary of the cost associated with the operation of the Chesaning High School Robotics Team for the 2016-2017 season. These numbers are an estimate only, and are subject to change.

First and Second District Competitions	
First and Second District Competition Entry Fees, and Robot Kit of Parts	\$5,000
Third District Competition (if applicable)	
Registration Fee	\$500
Michigan State Competition (if qualified)	
Registration Fee	\$4,000
Miscellaneous	
<u>Maximum</u> cost of parts on robot	\$4,000
Lodging/food PER competition ¹	\$1,000
Promotional materials (shirts, signs, stickers)	\$500
<u>Summary of 2016 season</u> (2 competitions)	
Regular Season	\$9,200
•Entry fee	(\$5,000)
•Parts	(\$2,000)
•Lodging/food	(\$2,000)
•T shirts	(\$200)
<u>Summary of where we AIM to be</u> (3 rd competition and State Competition included)	
Regular Season	\$9,500
•Entry fee	
•Parts	
•Lodging/food	
•T shirts	
3 rd competition with lodging/food	\$1,500
State competition with lodging/food	\$5,000
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Total:	\$16,000
¹ based upon 2016-17 food and lodging costs for 8 members and 2 mentors to competitions in Flint and Lansing.	

Levels of Partnership

Team 5235, Gears of Fortune, is a FIRST Robotics team. We need support from different companies in order to operate from year to year, and maybe you can help! It is a great opportunity for local small businesses to have their logo on our shirt, or even the robot. We do this in exchange for your support. The different donation levels are listed below.

Donation	Level	Rewards
\$500 +	Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recognition on our website, banners and other publicity. •Your company logo on our team t-shirts AND robot. •Receive a team t-shirt.
\$250 - \$500	Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recognition on our website, banners and other publicity. •Your company logo on our team t-shirts.
\$100 - \$250	Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recognition on our website and a public thank you in local newspaper.
\$50 - \$100	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public thank you in local newspaper.
Any donations will be given the appropriate credit and reward.		

Some common donatable items from AndyMark.com needed in high volumes

2.5" CIM Motor (am-0255)



Price: \$28.00

Victor SP Speed Controller (am-2855)



Price: \$60.00

REV Robotics 1" Extrusion, 6ft (am-2901)



Price: \$25.00

Gears of Fortune

Team 5235

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