



2017 U.S. Open Robotics Championship Awards

Honor Award - This is the highest award presented in a CREATE Open tournament. The recipient of this award is a team that excels in all aspects of competitive robotics. On field performance, technical knowledge, interviews and interaction with all teams, fans and tournament officials will be taken into consideration in determining the winner of this award. The Honor Award is heavily weighted toward technical innovation, fair play and collaboration.

Collaboration Award – This award is given to the teams that excels in telling a story together. This award may be given for a Collaboration Story Presentation that best blends the talents of both teams into a single, artistic and compelling story with technology at its core. (This award is an optional award and is given only at larger events with three or more sets of teams participating in the Collaboration Story Presentation.)

Design Award – This award is given to the team that excels in creating an elegant design which is an integral part of their story. (This award is an optional award and is given only at larger events.)

Dream Weaver Award – This award is given to the team that excels in telling a story. This award may be given for a Story Presentation, A Story of the Day Presentation, or even a Collaboration Story Presentation. Artistry, and design merged with technology, that best moves judges will be key components in determining the winner of this award.

Energy Award – The “Energy” award will be decided based on team enthusiasm at the event. The winning team will demonstrate enthusiasm throughout the competition – in the pit area, in the Story Space, and in the audience. This award will be judged and decided by the volunteers and staff at the event. (This award is an optional award and is given only at larger events.)

Engineer Award – This award is given to the team that has the best overall design, construction and use of technology. Creative design, excellence in construction and robust use of well understood technology will be taken into account. Teams winning this award will have stories that enhanced by their use of technology. Also, the journey the team took to arrive at their final design and steps to construct the technology used will be an important consideration in determining the winner of this award.

Judges Award - For a team the judges decide is deserving of special recognition. Judges consider a number of possible criteria for this award such as team displays of special attributes, exemplary effort and perseverance at the event, team accomplishments, or endeavors communicated to the judges that may not fall under existing awards, but deserve recognition. (This award is an optional award and is given only at larger events.)

Sportsmanship Award - The “Sportsmanship” award will be presented to a team that has earned the respect and admiration of the volunteers and other teams at the event. This team is a model for all to follow and interacts with everyone in a positive, respectful and polite manner. This award is judged during the event by teams, referees and volunteers. (This award is an optional award and is given only at larger events.)

Think Award - The “Think” award will be presented to a team that has successfully utilized autonomous programming modes during competition. Quality, consistency, and success of autonomous programs, as well as the ability of the students to explain the programming process, will help to determine a winner of this award. This award may be judged by the referees, programming inspectors, and/or members of the judge panel. (This award is an optional award and is given only at larger events.)