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REC Foundation Matching Team Grants are available through the generous support of our sponsors. The grants provide teachers and mentors the equipment they need to start one VEX team. The grants are offered for the VEX IQ Challenge, which supports elementary and middle school students, and for the VEX Robotics Competition (VRC), which supports middle and high school students. The grants are generally available in the Summer and Fall months but may become available or unavailable at any time. There is no assurance that the grants will be available when you are ready to apply.

The purpose of the REC Foundation Matching Team Grants is to provide an opportunity for schools or organizations that have never competed in official VEX Robotics competitions to receive one donated set of equipment suitable for one VEX Robotics team. The grant recipient provides a second set of equipment for a matching team. The second set of equipment may be at the grant recipients own cost, or by grant or sponsorship from one or more other donors. The grant recipient agrees to pay the annual REC Foundation Team Registration fee for both teams, and have both teams register for and attend at least one official VEX Robotics competition each season. The donated equipment is shipped directly to the grant recipient; the grant is not a cash award but is valued at \$1,400 (VRC) or \$450 (VEX IQ Challenge).

#### **The grant recipient agrees to the following “Terms and Conditions”**

The donated equipment will be stored in a safe, clean location. The donated equipment will be used for official VEX Robotics or VEX IQ Challenge competitions or activities. The team will recognize the REC Foundation as a primary sponsor of their team. The donated equipment will be returned to the REC Foundation if the organization decides to no longer participate in the VEX Robotics Competitions or VEX IQ Challenge Competitions. Attend at least one (1) official <VEX IQ Challenge/VRC> competitions each competition season. Complete or participate in any research or academic studies (within reason) including post-training survey, post-season survey, interviews, and individual team profile.

Note that this is a general description of the grants and is not the official terms and conditions. Applicants may review the official terms and conditions after being approved and before accepting the grant.

## Equipment Included with the Grant

Grant equipment for VRC Grant:

- 1 x V5 Competition Starter Kit (276-7030)
- 4 x V5 Smart Motor (276-4840)
- 1 x V5 Smart Cable Starter Pack (276-6364)

Grant equipment for VEX IQ Grant:

- 1 x Super Kit (228-2500)
- 1 x Competition Add-On Kit (228-3600)

## To Apply

1. Create an account at <https://www.robotevents.com> and login to the account.
2. Navigate to <https://www.robotevents.com/grants>.
3. Select your Country and State/Province and click Search.
4. Locate the REC Foundation Matching Team Grant for the program you wish to apply for (VEX IQ Challenge or VRC) and click Apply. Note that some states/regions have several different grants, so be sure to select and apply for the correct grant.
5. Complete the information in the Wizard, and the information in the free-form fields on the grant application. Submit the application when you are finished.
6. A member of the grant program will contact you to discuss your application. You will receive notice by email and in the Notifications area of your account at robotevents.com indicating whether the grant has been approved, is pending further review, or has been denied.
7. If the grant has been approved, follow the instructions in the email to complete the grant process. Once the terms and conditions have been accepted and the grant team registration fee has been paid, the equipment order will be shipped.
8. Please direct any questions about the grant program to your Regional Support Manager, who can be found using the locator map at our website: <https://www.robotevents.com/support>

## About the REC Foundation

**Mission:** The Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation's mission is to increase student interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by engaging students in hands-on, affordable, and sustainable robotics engineering programs.

**Vision:** We see a future where all students design and innovate as part of a team, experience failure, persevere, and embrace STEM. These lifelong learners emerge confident in their ability to make the world a better place.

**Contact Us:** Please visit our websites <https://www.roboticseducation.org> and <https://www.robotevents.com> for more information.