

**Jefferson Middle School
Competitive Robotics 2019-20
Team member application**

Before filling out this application, please read the information posted on the JMS Robotics page about the requirements and time commitment necessary for robotics team membership. This application is for both FLL and FTC teams.

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A. Contact information

Name: _____ Current grade: 6th 7th 8th

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____ phone: _____

B. Robotics experience

____ I have never been on a competitive robotics team

____ I have never been on a team, but I have worked with LEGO EV3 or other robotics. Type: _____

____ I have been on a FLL robotics team in the past. Coach/School: _____ years: _____

C. Teacher recommendation

I feel that _____ would be a good candidate to be a member of the JMS competitive robotics because....

Teacher signature _____ print name: _____

D. Parent/guardian permission

I give my student permission to participate on a Jefferson Middle School competitive robotics team. I have reviewed the information about competitive robotics at JMS on the website and understand that there will be an extra time commitment during the robotics competition season, including mandatory meetings and extra homework time for research. I also acknowledge that I may have to provide transportation to and from practices and events in Columbia.

Cost for participation is \$75 per student, but scholarships are available upon request. Do not send money until the team roster is finalized.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be turned in by Wed. Sept. 4 in order to be considered for the FLL robotics team, and by October 1 to be considered for FTC (8th grade). Teams are limited to 10 members for FLL and 15 for FTC by FIRST rules, so coaches will make decisions based on this form, teacher recommendations, and observations of students at the August/September meetings.

Students must complete the essays on the back of this form. Responses can be written on this page or on separate sheets and attached.

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Essay 1. In 2 - 3 paragraphs, explain what you think it means to be a good team member.

2. In 2 -3 paragraphs, describe the skills and talents you have to contribute to a robotics team. Why do you want to be on a competitive robotics team?

3. If you have participated in a robotics team previously, what did you learn? What would you do differently this year to make our team successful?

You do not have to respond if you have never been on a robotics team before.