



Robotics Competition Grant FAQs

Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology
Michigan Department of Education

General Information

Q: What is the purpose of the Robotics Competition Grant?

A: The funds allocated under this section are intended to support programs that increase the number of pre-K through 12 students demonstrating proficiency in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) on state assessments and to increase the number of students who are college- and career-ready upon high school graduation.

Q: What is the total funding available for the state fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26)?

A: A total of \$5,600,000 is available:

- \$5,000,000 for local education agencies (LEAs), public school academies (PSAs), and intermediate school districts (ISDs).
- \$600,000 for registered nonpublic schools.

Q: What is the timeline for the grant process?

A: A current timeline can be found on the [Robotics Competition Grant webpage](#). Please note, the dates mentioned in the timeline are subject to change. Be sure to frequently check the webpage for updates.

Eligibility

Q: Who is eligible to apply for funding?

A: Eligible applicants include:

- Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- Public School Academies (PSAs)

- Intermediate School Districts (ISDs)
- Registered Nonpublic Schools (Nonpubs)

Q: What are the key requirements for applicants?

A: While the requirements are not limited to this list, applicants must:

- Participate in at least one in-person competition, or the minimum number of in-person competitions required by the program provider.
- Establish a partnership with at least one sponsor or educational institution. This sponsor shall not be the program provider or school administrator.
- Provide a local in-kind or cash match for at least 25% of the total grant award.
- Meet team size requirements as defined by the program provider.

Please review the [Robotics Competition Grant webpage](#) for more details related to eligibility.

Q: Are there penalties for not meeting the grant requirements?

A: Yes, teams that fail to meet the requirements, such as not participating in the minimum number of in-person competitions, may face defunding of their award.

Application

Q: How can I submit an application?

A: Eligible applicants may submit an application in NexSys by following the instructions included on the [Robotics Competition Grant webpage](#). It is strongly recommended that applicants review the resources provided under the **Important Links** section of the [Robotics Competition Grant webpage](#).

Q: When will the application become available and when will the application close?

A: The application is available on NexSys as of December 10, 2025. The application will close February 9, 2026, at 12 PM. Applications cannot be reopened for modifications after the due date.

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Q: When will I receive my Grant Award Notification (GAN) and award?

A: GANs and awards will be distributed to awarded school districts and nonpublic schools in Spring 2026.

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Q: I have applied and would like to modify the information I provided. Can my application be reopened after the due date?

A: No, submitted applications may not be reopened for modifications after 12 PM on February 9, 2026.

Q: How can I find what the agreement number is for my building?

A: On the application, you will need to know your building's nine-digit agreement number for the Building and Team Information page.

To find your building's agreement number, you may use the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](#). To search for your agreement number using EEM:

1. Open [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](#).
2. Locate the webpage's sidebar on the left side of your screen.
3. Under **Search**, select **Quick**. This will take you to the **Entity Quick Search** screen.
4. In the search field labeled **Entity Name Contains**, enter the name of your school building.
5. Click **Search**.
6. From the list, identify your school and **click on your school's name**.
7. Locate the field called **Agreement Number** and **copy the nine-digit number**.
8. Return to the 99h application's **Building and Team Information** page and **paste the nine-digit agreement number** into the corresponding field.

Q: Do I need to upload any documents on the State of Michigan Attachments page?

A: No, this application will **not** collect any additional documentation. While this page is visible in the application, it remains inactive.

Q: How can I find out what my nonpublic school's Sigma Vendor and Mail Codes are?

A: Guidance for locating your Sigma Vendor and Mail Code in your Sigma account can be found in the [Locating Your SIGMA Vendor Code and Address ID instructions](#).

Q: What do I do if I am unable to type my nonpublic school's full Mail Code in the application?

1. If the Mail Code field will not allow you to enter your full mail code, you may enter the last digit.

- a. Example: If your full mail code is “AA001”, you may enter “1”.
 - b. If you have already submitted your application, no modifications are needed—Please proceed to step 2.
2. Then, please email MDE-EdTech@Michigan.gov and include the following:
 - a. Please write **Sigma Mail Code** in email subject line.
 - b. In the body of the email, please write your school’s name as written in your application and the full mail code.

Use of Grant Funds

Q: What can the grant funds be used for?

A: Awarded funds shall **only** be used for:

- **Coach Stipends:** Approved school districts or nonpublic schools may receive up to \$1,500 per building.
- **Support Awards:** Covers event registrations, materials, travel costs, and other expenses associated with the preparation for and attendance at robotics events and competitions.
- **Advancement Awards:** Teams advancing to the next competition level may receive equal awards contingent on funding availability.

Q: Are there restrictions on the use of grant funds?

A: Yes, awarded funds must be used exclusively for the designated team’s expenses as written by the applicant in their submitted application. Awarded funds may not be redistributed among other teams or for other expenses outside of this program.

Information for Coaches

Q: How do I find out what my Personal Identification Code (PIC) is?

A: Providing your PIC is essential for the Program Office to update your SCECHs. If you are unsure of your PIC, please follow the steps below to determine your PIC:

1. Upon opening the [MOECS Public Credential Search](#), enter your first and last name in the corresponding fields and click Search.
2. Locate your name and select your Credential Number.
3. Locate and copy your PIC. Return to the Robotics Coaching SCECH Submission Form and paste your PIC below.