

Team Update 24

General

Awards Webpages

Effective at *FIRST* events beginning February 18, the Dean's List Award will be known as the *FIRST® Leadership Award* for the 2025–2026 season.

The award's purpose, criteria, and significance remain unchanged. It continues to recognize exceptional student leaders who demonstrate technical expertise, advance the mission of *FIRST*, and exemplify our core values. Historical records of recipients from previous seasons will not be updated at this time.

The [FIRST Tech Challenge Leadership Award](#) webpage has been updated to make changes to this award name and all files linked on these pages have also been updated to align.

Competition Manual

4.1 Advancement Points Calculation

4.1.4 Team Judged Awards

Teams only get points for team awards judged at the event. If an award is not judged, is not for a team (e.g., the Dean's List *FIRST Leadership Award*), or is not judged at the event (e.g., Safety Animation Award), no points are earned. Points for awards not given at the event are not assigned to any team. See [A211](#) for the list of points-eligible awards.

6.5 Individual Awards

6.5.1 Dean's List *FIRST Leadership Award*

~~In an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of the most outstanding secondary school STUDENTS from FIRST, the Kamen family sponsors awards for selected 10th or 11th grade STUDENTS known as the FIRST Tech Challenge FIRST Dean's List Award.~~

The STUDENTS who earn *FIRST Dean's List Leadership Award* status as a semi-finalist, finalist or winner, are great examples of current STUDENT leaders who have led their teams and communities to increased awareness for *FIRST* and its mission, champion *FIRST* Core Values such as [Inclusion](#), and embody *Gracious Professionalism®*. It is the goal of *FIRST* that these individuals will continue, post-award, as great leaders, [STUDENT alumni](#), and advocates of *FIRST*.

Please visit the [Dean's List *FIRST Leadership Award Website*](#) to see complete award submission details and to see past *FIRST* Tech Challenge winners.

15.1 Awards Modifications

Table 15 1: *FIRST* Championship Awards

Award	Per Division	<i>FIRST</i> Championship
Dean's List <i>FIRST Leadership Award</i>	0	10