Dear Sponsor,

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology ([FIRST](http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc)) is a well-known nonprofit organization that focuses on developing a love for science and engineering in kids around the world. The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is a robotics program that is focused on engaging students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to build a better tomorrow. FTC teaches students about hard work, collaboration, and the importance of innovation. RoboAvatars is a team of 7 Mission San Jose High School students who participate in FTC competitions to learn these core values. Our mission as a team is to learn about robotics by designing, building, and programming robots to compete successfully.

We, the RoboAvatars, have competed in FIRST Lego League (FLL) for 3 years and are currently involved in FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) for our third year. As a part of FTC we designed more advanced robots than we did in FLL, expanding our knowledge of robotics. In the 2014-2015 FTC competition, we advanced from qualifiers to Northern California Regionals and also participated in the Asia Pacific Invitational held in Sydney, Australia during the offseason.

 While we are not busy competing, we try to share our passion and love for robotics by teaching elementary and middle school students. In the past two years, we have taught robotics at three after school programs in Fremont - Nurture Kids, Gem Rays and Harvey Green Elementary School. We mentor several FLL and FTC teams and reach out to other teens in the Bay Area through our website, social media platforms, TV interviews, radio shows, and newspaper articles.

The success of our team and our diverse outreach is dependent on the financial support we receive from our sponsors. We would like you to be one of our 2015-2016 sponsors. The grants we receive help us pay for registration at various competitions, parts, and equipment. The money is also used in our outreach as we mentor budding teams and introduce children to robotics. We acknowledge our sponsors on our team website **roboavatars.com** and always include our sponsors’ logos on a banner at every competition we attend. Sponsors who donate $1000 and above are acknowledged with their logo on our team T-shirt we wear at every competition.

Our total expenses amount to approximately $10,000 each year. The team seeks sponsorships and grants from businesses to help cover the expenses and greatly appreciates the generosity of all sponsors. Our team has been accepted by Catalyst for Youth (<https://catalystforyouth.wordpress.com/>) acting as Fiscal Sponsor, granting 501 (c) 3 non-profit status and tax deductions as applicable.

Please let us know if you can help the RoboAvatars team to participate in the FTC robotics competitions this year. You can reach us through our team email **roboavatarsftc@google.com**.

Sincerely,

**RoboAvatars FTC #7303**