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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is (enter name here) and I am a Junior at H.V. Jenkins High School and a student on the HVJ FIRST Robotics Team 4701, TEAM W.I.R.E. I am writing to you on behalf of our team to request a financial donation for this year's activities, which include building an industrial grade robot to compete in competitions starting from the district level, regional level and up to the world level.

FIRST is an acronym for, *For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology*. It is universally recognized as the leading worldwide non-profit STEM engagement program for students of all ages. FIRST works to engage young people in science and technology through setting strict requirements, tight schedules, and an intricate system of mentorship. As its name suggests, FIRST's mission is to inspire a culture where science and technology are celebrated and to help children recognize their potential while improving skills such as self-confidence, communication, and leadership. FIRST Robotics is referred to as the ultimate sport for the mind due to the combination of excitement for the sport and the rigors of science and technology that go into the preparation and competition processes. Many high-school participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have."

Through membership with a FIRST Robotics team, students get the opportunity to work with and learn from mentors, professional engineers, and alumni of FIRST. Students also get opportunities to master various STEM skills, including using and understanding sophisticated software, hardware, and a variety of tools and machines. The entire design and building process is also orchestrated by the students, which forces them to improve interpersonal relations and work ethics, as well as communication and teamwork skills. In addition to developing all these necessary skills, FIRST Robotics Competition also offers millions of dollars in college scholarships.

There are, though, a lot of costs associated with FIRST to make all these things possible. The annual fees for team registration and a robot kit of parts include three registration fees for the varying levels of competition, \$6,000 for two Georgia district events, \$4,000 for the Regional State Championship, and \$5,000 for the World Championship. There are also additional costs for travel, lodging, food, and other supplies and parts throughout the year.

As a FIRST team, TEAM W.I.R.E. has an average of 25 student participants each year including about 12% female participation. We have been successful as a team since our inaugural season in 2013. Though we have not won at the District Event Level, we have ranked high enough in the State Standings to be invited to the State Championships Level in 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022 and 2023. Throughout the years, we also received 8 awards ranging from "Safety Award" - Motorola "Innovation in Control Award", "Judges Award", "Creativity Award" and "Excellence in Engineering Award" for our unique robot design and team effort at the District Level Events.

Thank you for considering supporting HVJ Robotics with a donation of \$250, \$500, \$750 or \$999. The attached sponsor form explains how TEAM W.I.R.E. recognize sponsors both on shirts and on the robot. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(your name here)  
FIRST Team 4701