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Note: All times are listed in EDT

(1) Deadline Approaching - LTU Scholarship Opportunity for all Robofest Participants

High School students who have participated in Robofest at any time and who are planning to attend LTU, can apply for a \$3,000 renewable scholarship (Total of \$12,000). Submit an application, along with a 400-word essay regarding your Robofest experience, your career goals, and a letter of recommendation from one of your Robofest adult coaches or mentors to apply. **The deadline to apply is April 1, even if you haven't made your final decision to attend LTU.** To find more information and download the application, visit

<https://www.ltu.edu/futurestudents/scholarshipopportunities.asp#tab3>

(2) New RobotC for Vex IQ BottleSumo Workshop for Senior or Experienced Junior teams

Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am ~ Noon – in J234 in the Taubman Complex*. Building # 8 on the LTU Campus Map: <https://www.ltu.edu/map/ltu-campus-map.pdf>. Free parking in all campus parking lots. Register at Robofest.net

(3) Team Registration is Still Open for Many Qualifiers

Please be sure to register your team for Qualifying and Open Competitions at local sites. Teams who do not have a local competition can also compete through the US and International Video Qualifier options for a chance to advance to the Robofest World Championship at LTU in May.

(4) Robofest eAcademy Certification

To build on the Robofest eAcademy - a series of online classes developed by Robofest instructors, we are now offering EV3 Certification FREE for the first 30 takers. To earn a certificate you must score 90% or better on the first try of the 25-question EV3 certification test. More information can be found on the Robofest.net website under the "Tech Resources / eAcademy" tab.

(5) Michigan Invitational Registration will open Monday April 6 at Noon

The Michigan Invitational events offer Game teams who do not advance from a Michigan Qualifier a second chance to compete. All events will be held in room J234 in the Taubman Complex. Building # 8 on the LTU Campus Map: <https://www.ltu.edu/map/ltu-campus-map.pdf>. Free parking in all campus parking lots. Register at Robofest.net (new team registration and fee required).

- Junior Game
 - Friday, April 24, 5:00 pm ~ 8:30 pm
 - Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am ~ 12:30 pm
 - Saturday, April 25, 1:00 pm ~ 4:30 pm
- Senior Game
 - April 25, 5:00 pm ~ 8:30 pm

(6) Video Qualifier and Video Screening for Virtual Regional Deadlines

- USA_Video_Qualifier and International_Video_Qualifier Game and Exhibition teams must upload a link to a video to the Team Registration page to be screened and scored by Midnight, April 20.
- Exhibition trophy winners in all US competitions including Michigan must upload a link to a presentation video to the Team Registration page to be screened in the Robofest Virtual Regional by Midnight, April 20.

For more information, please see official rules on the Get Involved – 2020 Main page on robofest.net.

(7) Wanted: Volunteers

Robofest qualifying competitions are in always in need of volunteers to staff their events. To sign up online, go to <https://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/YearLocationLookup.jsp>

You will see a list of sites with dates. Select a site and then click on New Volunteer Registration link. Thank you in advance for supporting Robofest!

(8) Coach Awards

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have 5, 10, 15 and now 20 years with Robofest as a coach!

To submit your name, please send an email to robofest@ltu.edu with the subject *Coach Award*. Please include the coach name, all coach ID's, and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the World Championship.

(9) Check your Spam Folder for Robofest Emails

Due to many email platforms tightening their security protocols to reduce phishing, many of the system-generated emails (Robofest – Do Not Reply) are ending up in a spam folder. These important emails include Coach, Team and Volunteer Registration confirmations, Consent Form requests and important announcements. Since email is the official communication tool for coaches, please check your spam folder (and ask parents to check, too) for Robofest emails and select “Not Spam” so you receive them. It is also a good idea to make sure that the email in your Coach Profile is up to date.

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