



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Unified Robotics combines individuals with intellectual disabilities (Unified Athletes) and individuals without intellectual disabilities (Unified Partners) together on an inclusive Robotics team for training, programming, and competition. Using robotics as a catalyst to promote social inclusion, Unified Robotics provides an engagement opportunity outside of sports where all students are included in STEM programming.

2018-19 UNIFIED ROBOTICS SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

During the 2018-19 season, Special Olympics Arizona is offering funding through school grants to cover the startup costs for new high school Unified Robotics programs.

Available Funding

- Five schools will be selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000

Eligibility

- Must be an AIA member high school **AND** be registered with SOAZ as a Unified Champion School with a ***current 2018-19 Program Application on file***
- Must be implementing Unified Robotics for the **first time** during the 2018-19 season
- Must commit to participating in ***at least one of the two competition models*** offered – **Unified Robotics League** and/or **VEX EDR Robotic Competition** (see implementation timeline on the next page for more details)

APPLICATION / SUBMISSION PROCESS

Registration

- Register your school with SOAZ by completing the **2018-19 SOAZ Program Application** online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ProgramApplication2018-2019>
 - *NOTE: only one application per school is required annually. If your school already has a completed program application on file for this year, you do not need to do it again.*

Application

- Complete the **2018-19 Unified Robotics Grant Application** by **5:00PM on Friday, Sept. 14th** online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Unified-Robotics-Grant-Application>
 - Please email **Laura@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org** upon completing the online application to confirm it has been received.

Award Notification

- SOAZ will notify all applicants via email on **Monday, September 17th** regarding award status



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Inclusion Workshop (Coaches' Training)

- **Tuesday, September 18th – 3:00pm to 5:00pm – Williams Field High School (Room 310)**
- Coaches' attendance at this training is MANDATORY (video conference option will be available)

Equipment Order

- **Friday, September 21st** – All equipment must be ordered through STAX3D by this date

Sustainability Workshop (Coaches' Training)

- **Thursday, October 18th – 3:00pm to 5:00pm – Location TBD**
- Coaches' attendance at this training is MANDATORY (video conference option will be available)

Equipment Arrival

- **Week of October 15-19th** – equipment will be shipped directly to schools

Building Workshop

- **Tuesday, October 30th – 9:30am to 1:00pm (lunch will be provided) – LOCATION TBD**
- While teams are highly encouraged to attend, this is an optional workshop open to all Unified Robotics teams who want additional support with mechanical design and programming

Unified Robotics League QUALIFICATION ROUNDS

- **Thursday, November 15th – 9:30am to 1:00pm (lunch will be provided) – LOCATION TBD**
- This competition is exclusively for Unified Robotics teams – attendance is **mandatory** for all teams participating through in the Unified Robotics League model

Unified Robotics League FINAL ROUNDS

- **Saturday, December 1st – 9:30am to 1:00pm (lunch will be provided) – LOCATION TBD**
- This competition is exclusively for Unified Robotics teams – attendance is **mandatory** for all teams participating through in the Unified Robotics League model

Mid-Term Grant Reporting Deadline

- **Friday, December 14th** – submit completed Impact Report – **DUE by 5:00PM**
- Impact Report will require a **short narrative** and **photos** illustrating the impact of Unified Robotics

VEX EDR Robotics Competition

- **Saturday, January 19th – 9:30am to 1:00pm – LOCATION TBD**
- One-day competition between Unified and non-Unified high school Robotics teams – attendance is **mandatory** for all teams participating through the VEX EDR Competition model
 - *NOTE: Participating teams will have to pay an \$150 annual team registration to VEX EDR and a \$50 competition registration fee (both of which can be covered under the school grant)*

Final-Term Grant Reporting Deadline

- **Friday, March 29th** – submit completed Impact Report – **DUE by 5:00PM**
- Impact Report will require a **short narrative** and **photos** illustrating the impact of Unified Robotics

Unified Robotics Celebration Event

- **April 2019 – Date/Time/Location TBD**
- Join us to celebrate your team's success, earn prizes, and get a sneak peek of the 2019-20 challenge