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Note: All times are listed in Eastern Time unless noted

[\(1\) Robofest World Championship Information and Announcements](#)

The 26th Robofest World Championship Game and Exhibition Finals and Open Category Competitions will be hosted on Lawrence Technological University's campus on May 15 ~17, 2025 with the following schedule:

- May 15: Unknown Mission Challenge and Jr BottleSumo (Group 1)
- May 16: Jr BottleSumo (Groups 2 & 3), RoboParade, Sr BottleSumo Classic and Sr BottleSumo Unlimited
- May 17: RoboArts, RoboMed, Vision Centric Challenge, Game Finals, Exhibition Finals

More details including practice times, event start times and campus locations can be found on the schedule:

<https://www.robofest.net/images/2425/WC2025Schedule.pdf>

Registration is open for US Teams wishing to participate in the Open Category events. International teams who do not have a Robofest Director in their country may send an email to robofest@ltu.edu requesting registration.

Additional information regarding travel, a few hotels in the local area have set aside rooms and rates for Robofest attendees. Links are posted on the World Championship page on the Robofest.net website. Check back often for other World Championship updates.

(2) Michigan Invitational Event Registration to Open Monday, March 31

The 2025 Michigan Invitational event for both Junior and Senior Game Divisions offers Michigan Game teams who do not advance to the World Championship from their Qualifier a second chance to compete and advance to the finals. There may be a few slots for first-time teams that were not able to attend a qualifier.

April 26, 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm in the LTU Computer Science Robotics Lab

[\(3\) April 14 Deadline for Video Qualifier and Exhibition Video Screening](#)

Video Qualifier Game and Exhibition teams must upload a link to their video by April 14.

Exhibition trophy winners in all US competitions including Michigan must upload their preview video by April 14 to be screened before the World Championship. Teams that did not automatically advance may also upload a video to be considered for advancement to the World Championship finals.

For more information, please see General Competition Rules on the 2025 Main page on the Robofest.net website.

(4) In Search of 5, 10, 15 and 20-Year Coach Award Recipients ~ LAST CALL

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have coached Robofest teams for 5, 10, and 15 and 20 years! To submit your name, please send an email to robofest@ltu.edu with the subject *Coach Award*. Please include the coach name, coach ID (include all IDs used), and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the Robofest World Championship Awards Ceremony on May 17.

(5) LTU Summer Program for High School Students includes Autonomous Robotics

Dr. Chris Cartwright, Robofest Executive Director and Associate Professor of Math, will be presenting **Become a Master Robot Builder and Python Coder!** during the week of July 14-18, 2025 (date has been updated) as part of the 2025 Lawrence Technological University STEM Center Summer Programs for High School students. Other exciting topics are available throughout the summer. More information and the registration portal are available at: <https://ltu.edu/marburger-stem-center/summer-programs/>

(6) LTU Robofest Scholarship Opportunity

In order to truly recognize the effort and exceptional talent of the Robofest competitors, Lawrence Technological University will continue to offer the Robofest Champion LTU Scholarship Award for 2025. Each team member of the top 3 Senior Division Game, Exhibition, RoboArts, RoboMed, UMC and Vcc teams at the World Championship events will receive a scholarship certificate to attend LTU:

- ~ 1st Place: \$20,000 annual scholarship (\$80,000 for 4 years)
- ~ 2nd Place: \$16,000 annual scholarship (\$64,000 for 4 years)
- ~ 3rd Place: \$14,000 annual scholarship (\$56,000 for 4 years)

Robofest participants who have competed at any time in any category may apply for the annual \$3,000 LTU Robofest scholarship. More details will can be found on the Scholarship page: <https://www.robofest.net/index.php/about/scholarship>

(7) Robofest Sponsorship Opportunity

If you would like to support Robofest through a financial gift, you can contribute through the College of Arts and Sciences and designate Robofest under *Areas to Support* <https://www.ltu.edu/giving/areas-to-support/coas>
A donation of \$200 or more will be recognized as a Friend of Robofest on our Sponsor page and on the World Championship promotional poster.

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