

2019 – 2020 Returning Student Team Member Application

Due Friday May 31, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS: Read each section. Be sure to complete all of the requirements per section (incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered).

DATES TO SCHEDULE:

All applications are **due Friday, May 31, 2019, by 3:00 p.m.**

The 2019-2020 Truck Town Thunder applicants will be interviewed in June. You will be contacted to schedule an interview time. To look at the team schedule and upcoming events, go to: <http://trucktownthunder.com/>

PROFILE OF A TRUCK TOWN THUNDER STUDENT: (Please Read)

1. **Team player with a positive attitude** (this is about being on a team)!
2. **Highly self-motivated**
3. **Hard-working** (without *ever* being asked).
4. **Willing to learn and be open to new ideas** (and be able to handle constructive criticism).
5. **Willing to resolve scheduling conflicts with other activities** (Saturdays, Sports, social events, dates, jobs, Etc.).
6. **Willing to commit an extensive amount of time to the program—including but limited too:**
 - At least 20 hours of individual community outreach
 - Meetings, demonstrations and presentations as scheduled
 - Support Truck Town Thunder Fundraisers and Outreach
 - Adopt – A – Road Cleanup
 - Returnable can drives, pizza sales, scrap drives or bake sales
 - Brandon Homecoming Parades
 - Turkey Legs
 - Pep Rallies
 - Partnership drive
 - Other community outreach opportunities as scheduled
 - Truck Town Thunder Youth Program mentorship
 - Any organized Team activity (including Leadership Overnight)
 - Emergency meetings when needed
7. **Commitment to punctuality and good attendance** (absences and tardiness may result in no travel and possible dismissal from the team).
8. **Academic responsibility** (students are expected to keep *all* their grades above 75% - grades below 75% will result in no build, no travel, academic ineligibility and possible dismissal from the team).
9. **Willing to exhibit spirit for the team** (may include a little face paint but most definitely cheering for your teammates and our successes).
10. **Exhibit *Gracious Professionalism* representing Truck Town Thunder Robotics in transforming the world with teamwork and traction.**

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Team Student/Parent Information

Selection of team will be done in the following format:

- Student must *complete* official application with required information.
- Application must be turned in by Friday, May 31, 2019 by 3:00 pm.
- Team Advisors will review and evaluate the applications.
- Consideration for selection will be based on student essay, parent questionnaire, student evaluation (interview), interest in math and science, special skills, attitude, behavior, ability to work with others and attendance patterns (not necessarily in this order).

1. All Team sponsored events will be required for all team members (unless students are notified otherwise).
2. Outside of personal dues, students are expected to assist with team fundraising, fulfilling at least the minimum expectation.
3. Attendance will be taken at all events/meetings. Excessive absences or tardies may result in dismissal from the team, affect role on the team and could limited travel with the team.
4. Attendance at all registered Truck Town Thunder FIRST Competitions is mandatory.
5. All students will follow the directives of the advisors/mentors/teachers at all times. Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with advisors/mentors/teachers.
6. New team members will be on a probationary period through the first tournament. This is a trial period for the student and the team.
7. Students must maintain “passing” grades (C (75%) or above) in order to travel and/or participate with the team (“passing” meaning no Incompletes or failures). Under no circumstances will a team member be allowed to miss school if he or she is failing a class.
8. Students may be removed from the team by a vote of the advisors for lack of participation or behavior that is not appropriate.
9. During competition students will follow Team Code of Conduct for behavior and all procedures as required by the Team Code of Conduct. Violation will result in discipline measures as decided by the advisors/teachers. If at a distant site, the student may be sent home at the expense of the parents.
10. Any team member receiving a referral or suspension from school may be subject to a review for possible dismissal from the team.
11. All Student team members are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee. Due at the first Full Team Meeting in September. See Mr. Fenn for payment arrangements or assistance if hardships or extreme conditions exist. There are NO refunds.
12. Transportation for after school activities MUST be provided by a parent. The staff CANNOT provide transportation per Brandon High School guidelines. District, Regional and National event transportation will be organized by the team. Students are encouraged to arrange car pools as much as possible.

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Truck Town Thunder Student Application Checklist – YOU KEEP THIS

What is to be turned in by Friday, May 31, 2019:

➤ Applicant Section

1. *Resume attached* – include your FIRST, FLL, or any engineering/technology experiences
2. *Written Component:*
 - a. Three sections of pluses and deltas of this past year (including improvements from your deltas).
 - i. Build season
 - ii. Competition
 - iii. Team (management, organization, etc)
 - b. Written reflection (paragraph each)
 - i. Write how you feel that Truck Town Thunder has benefited you. How you grew from being on the team. Include what your highlights were of the year.
 - ii. Write how you could improve **your** performance on the team. Please *include steps on how you might achieve this goal* for improved performance.
 - c. Write your goals for this year
 - i. Short term (summer commitment)
 - ii. Mid term (fall commitment)
 - iii. Long term (by the end of the season)
3. *Signed and date Applicant Section.*

➤ Parent Section

1. Completed
2. Signed and dated

What Applicant keeps:

- Truck Town Thunder Student Application
 - Profile (page 1)
- Truck Town Thunder Student/Parent Information form (page 2)

Interviews:

- Interviews will be held the month of June. We will schedule you for your interview when you turn in the application. If there is no way that you can attend the interview, please put it in writing (with your availability) and attach to your application.**

Questions?

- To learn more about Truck Town Thunder, go to <http://trucktownthunder.com/>
- Or contact Mr. Fenn via e-mail at gary.r.fenn@gm.com

Calendar of Events:

To see the upcoming events, or go back and look at past schedules, go to: <http://www.trucktownthunder.com/team-calendar/>

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Applicant Section:

GENERAL INFORMATION – please print clearly

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Grade _____ GPA: _____

Home Phone _____ email address: _____

Please fill out *all* of the following sections (check off as you complete).

- Attach a one page resume** (it may be small but it is required), *look for templates online for help.* ☺
- Attach a TYPED** written section:
 - Pluses and deltas – build season
 - Pluses and deltas – regionals
 - Pluses and deltas – team management, policies, procedures, organization
 - Personal reflection – how you benefitted from Truck Town Thunder and your highlights
 - Personal reflection – what you need to improve (goals for next year).
 - Personal goals – short term (summer goals)
 - Personal goals – mid term (fall goals)
 - Personal goals – long term (throughout the entire season/year)
- Read and sign the following:**
 - If selected for Truck Town Thunder, I am primarily interested in:**
 - Robot build (check here if you want robot build but have not specified where)
 - Mechanical
 - Electrical/pneumatic/special electronics
 - Programming/data
 - Inventor/design
 - Special projects
 - Business, Communications & Management (check here if you want to be in business but have not specified where)
 - Awards, Presentations
 - Website maintenance/development
 - Media/Photo/video/documentation
 - Sponsorship, alumni and team communications
 - General team business
 - Scouting/Strategy
 - If selected for Truck Town Thunder, I understand that I will:**
 - Maintain my grades with all 75% or higher, and will get help if my grades could put me and/or my team in jeopardy.
 - Continue to support team fund raising including: Turkey Legs, Metal Scrap Drives, provide for Truck Town Thunder Store (by bringing in pop/snacks when it is my turn), etc
 - Attend all TRUCK TOWN THUNDER meetings/presentations/parades/activities (scheduled on website)
 - Support community awareness and outreach (including Camps, team organized outreach) with at least 20 hours of community service
 - Take care of my own transportation to and from school (or meeting place),
 - Submit my registration fee by the first Full Team Meeting in September
 - Execute a personal fundraiser
 - Work to meet and model the “Profile” of the Truck Town Thunder student,
 - Support the project through innovative, open minded and creative thinking.
- I have read the “Truck Town Thunder Student/Parent Information sheet” and am willing to commit to this program:**

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

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Parent Section:

Of the seven characteristics below, please check the three strongest characteristics of your son/daughter:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Team player | <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to sacrifice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-motivated | <input type="checkbox"/> Punctual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard-working | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open to new ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to commit the amount of time needed for a big project |

Indicate why your son/daughter should be considered for this team. Please include how they may benefit from being on the team this year, and what you think they may bring to the team (you may attach if needed)

Involvement you *could* bring to the team – please select 2 (at least):

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Fundraising coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical engineering assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer camps assistant/coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Legs assistant/coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/meals coordinator (for the build season) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Road clean-up assistant/coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/meals coordinator (for the tournaments) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relay for Life assistant/coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Teambuilding/professional development assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra-Life assistant/coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Media coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Lake Expo assistant/coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design work on the computer (Inventor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel coordinator (including carpool organizer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part fabrication or machining | <input type="checkbox"/> Website assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical engineering assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Business assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Other involvement? Please indicate any other way you may be able to support the team. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship assistance | |

Parent/Guardian Availability
(Please Circle All that Apply)

Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm	All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm	All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm	All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm	All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm	All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm	All Day Day Time 3-6pm 5-9pm

Read and sign the following:

- I have read the “Truck Town Thunder Student/Parent information sheet”.
Parent Signature _____
- If my son/daughter is selected for Truck Town Thunder, I understand that I will have the following responsibilities:
 - Transportation to and from school (or meeting place) for my son/daughter.
 - Pay non-refundable registration fee for my son/daughter on at the first Full Team Meeting in September.
 - Support team fund raising as needed – including:
 - support son/daughter with Turkey Leg Fundraiser
 - participate and assist with Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser
 - participate in the Fireworks Fundraiser
 - At most, provide two full-team meals (or equivalent) for the team during the season
 - Support my son/daughter and the project as best we can.
- I am willing to support my son/daughter and commit to this program:

Parent Signature _____

Email address: _____

Date: _____

Phone number: _____