

2009 MATE-BIRR Competition Team Scholarship Application

December 17, 2008

MATE-BIRR Steering Committee is pleased to announce receipt of Act 111 funding from the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering. Fiscal administrator for this funding is isisHawaii who will ensure that they and we abide by any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws including confidentiality of any and all MATE-BIRR participant personal information and records.

The funding received will be used to purchase needed materials and supplies for the robotic kits (10 Ranger Class Kits and 4 Scout Class Kits), 15 team registration fees, and tournament operations capital costs. Only goods and services will be provided to school teams, no actual cash. **If your team is interested in applying, please fill out this form and obtain the signature of your school advisor/teacher and principal agreeing to stipulations made to receive scholarship funding.**

Act 111 funding is limited to Hawaii state public K-12 schools (includes public charter schools). Our funding administrator, isisHawaii, your regional coordinators, and the MATE-BIRR Committee requests that teams include disadvantaged youth and females in active and contributing roles to afford equity and opportunities.

Schools will be allowed one (1) scholarship regardless of the number of school based teams. The intent is to encourage students at many different schools to participate. However, after **March 6, 2009**, if there are additional scholarships available, schools who have applied and requested secondary team scholarship consideration will be eligible to compete for these remaining funds.

The MATE-BIRR committee will determine which schools will receive primary and secondary team funding based upon the initial scholarship receipt date and planned future participation and sustainability of ROV programs at their school (expect phone or email requests if additional information is needed).

Please indicate in the appropriate box if you are intending to have a second school based team compete. **A modification to the MATE International Rules: MATE-BIRR allows schools to have a maximum of two teams compete at the regional competition with the understanding that ONLY 1 team from each school may advance to the MATE International Competition.**

School Contact Information:

School	
Advisor / Teacher	
Advisor / Teacher EMAIL	
Principal	
Principal EMAIL	
Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Phone Number (s)	
Number of Student Participants?	
Number of male & female?	
Title I School?	

PRIORITY DEADLINE for scholarship applications must be received by February 7, 2009.

Send to: **MATE-BIRR**
c/o Cindy Fong – Regional Coordinator
Hilo Intermediate School
587 Waiuanuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720

Primary Scholarship Team Is Applying for:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scholarship Type:	Competition Class (circle):
	\$100 Registration Fee Scholarship	Ranger or Scout Class
	\$750 Robotic Kits Materials & Supplies	Ranger Class
	\$400 Robotic Kits Materials & Supplies	Scout Class

Secondary Scholarship. Yes, we want to have a second school team participate. Please put us in consideration for a second scholarship if funding becomes available on/after March 6, 2009.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scholarship Type:	Competition Class:
	\$100 Registration Fee Scholarship	Ranger or Scout Class
	\$750 Robotic Kits Materials & Supplies	Ranger Class
	\$400 Robotic Kits Materials & Supplies	Scout Class

Letter of Intent:

Attach a short (maximum 1-page, no smaller than 10 font) request for scholarship funding that informs the MATE-BIRR committee of your plans to develop a ROV robotics program at your school now and in the future. Include what robotic or STEM programs are currently at your school? Are you new to the MATE ROV competitions? We are also interested in successes and difficulties you have had and how we can best support you (advisor/teacher/mentor/students) and your school in developing a sustainable ROV robotics program. What types of assistance is needed now and in the future. Include specific needs you see at your school to help the MATE-BIRR committee find the appropriate assistance needed for all teams.

MATE-BIRR is locally organized with a “grass-roots” flavor by a group of interested community members and educators who volunteer their time to develop positive STEM opportunities for our Hawaii youth. This is a HIDOE sponsored event with organization guidance provided by the Hilo-Lapahoehoe-Waiakea Complex. Hilo Intermediate School provides the operational planning home for this STEM program. Our focus is to provide Hawaii youth a high-caliber regional STEM competition in which top winners qualify to an international competition without the necessarily high-overhead of inter-island travel. Due to this grass-roots, locally organized effort, the MATE-BIRR committee does require every team to provide volunteer assistance in organization, set-up, running, and clean-up of the competition site and during any additional MATE-BIRR sponsored practice or workshop sessions. We encourage all teams to have positive academic sportsmanship and graciously assist each other in being successful and of sharing of mission props.

Agreements:

Our school _____, _____
(advisor/teacher) and _____ (principal) agree that if we are awarded and receive the 2009 MATE-BIRR ROV robotics kit(s) and registration fee scholarship, a team of a minimum of three students will compete in the May 9, 2009 MATE-BIRR competition in Hilo, Hawaii. The robotics kit becomes the property of our school and will be used to continue ROV robotic opportunities in and outside of the classroom.

We will do our best to include disadvantaged youth and females on the team in active and contributing roles. **If our school’s scholarship team cancels after the February 21, 2009 MATE-BIRR training workshop or fails to attend and compete in the May 9, 2009 MATE-BIRR competition in Hilo, Hawaii; our team/school will be responsible for payment of the entire robotics kit(s) and registration fee(s) within two weeks of cancellation or the May 9, 2009 competition, whichever comes first.**

Should reimbursement be required, the payments are as follows:

- **\$100 Registration Fee, Ranger or Scout Class**
- **Ranger Class Robotics Kit - \$750 per kit**
- **Scout Class Robotics Kit - \$400 per kit**
- **Complete and 100% Unused Kit(s) may be returned in lieu of kit payment. Return shipping and packing costs are the responsibility of each school.**

Furthermore, the school team will not be given future priority status and/or may not be eligible for funds in future years.

We agree to the above stipulations and the MATE-BIRR registration form. We will reimburse MATE-BIRR the scholarship fund amounts above within two weeks of cancellation or if we fail to attend and participate in the competition on May 9, 2009, whichever comes first.

Principal Signature	Date	School Advisor/Teacher Signature	Date
Principal (print)		School Advisor/Teacher (print)	

Please keep a copy for your records. Original signed copy must be submitted.