

PA Trout in the Classroom 2024/25 Existing Program Grant Application

This form is for Pennsylvania teachers and/or program partners who wish to apply for funding to support an **EXISTING** Trout in the Classroom program for the 2024/25 school year. Priority will be given to teachers that haven't applied for a grant within the last year and to those with critical equipment (chiller, filter) replacement needs. Funding is also available for equipment and supplies, curriculum support materials, fishing equipment and supplies, and field trip/release day costs such as substitute teacher fees and transportation.

To be eligible for funding, you **MUST**:

- Be a current TIC teacher that is registered with the PA Fish and Boat Commission or a Program Partner for a registered program.
- Have attended a TIC Teacher Workshop at some point in the past. If you have never attended a workshop (or would like a refresher), FREE virtual workshops will be held April 24, June 26, August 21, and August 28. You can register for the workshops [here](#).
- Be in good standing with the PA TIC program, meaning you follow all deadlines and provide end-of-year reporting, etc.
- Submit a budget form prior to the grant submission deadline below.

Please complete each section of the application as instructed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **All applications are due by 11:59 PM on April 28, 2024.** For questions, email Rachel Kester at c-rkester@pa.gov.

1. Email *

2. Did you receive a grant and/or replacement equipment from the PA Council of Trout Unlimited to support your TIC program last year?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes (Funding **MAY** be awarded after all requests are fulfilled from those who did not receive a grant last year.)
- No (Priority will be given to those who did not receive a grant last year.)

3. Have you attended a PFBC/PATU TIC workshop?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No, but I am registered to attend one of the upcoming workshops.

Section 1: School/Organizational Information

Please fill in the following information as completely and accurately as possible.

4. School or Organization Name

5. Applicant is a:

Mark only one oval.

Teacher/School District

Partnering Organization (TU chapter, conservation district, watershed association, etc.)

Other: _____

6. If applicant is a Teacher/School District, please list your Partnering Organization. Be specific. (For example: Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited vs. Trout Unlimited.) If applicant is a Partnering Organization, please list the name of your partnering Teacher and/or School.

7. School or Organization Street Address

8. City

9. State (Must be PA)

10. Zip Code

11. Contact Person (First Name)

12. Contact Person (Last Name)

13. Contact Person Email Address:

14. Confirm Email Address:

15. Contact Person Phone (during business hours):

16. When did you start your TIC program? (year)

17. Please enter to whom the check should be made out, if grant funds are awarded. **PLEASE NOTE** - Grant checks can only be made out to the school, school district, PTO, or similar school-affiliated group OR partner organization (i.e. no checks can be sent to individuals)

Section 2: Replacement Equipment Request

Applicants in need of replacement equipment critical to keeping their existing TIC tank operating should check with their program partner first to see if they are able to assist with repairing or replacing your equipment before you apply below. If your program partner is unable to assist you with repair or replacement of necessary equipment, please complete this section. If you do not need replacement equipment, please check the box indicating so and proceed to the next section.

Because replacement equipment is relatively expensive, **if you request a chiller, you do not qualify for funding for other equipment, supplies, or field trip expenses** listed in the sections below. **Those requesting a canister filter may only apply for up to \$500 towards the purchase of additional supplies and materials or field trip expenses.**

Please note that if funded, replacement filters and chillers will be ordered by PATU and shipped directly to your location once the 2024/25 school year is underway.

18. I am in need of the following critical equipment to keep my current TIC tank operating for the 2024/25 school year:

Check all that apply.

- Chiller
- Fluval Canister Filter
- Neither. My chiller and filter are in working order. (Please proceed to Section 3.)

Section 3: Field Trip Funding Request

Applicants seeking funding for TIC-related field trips/release days should complete this section. Cold-water conservation with a wild trout component should be the focus of the field trip/release day. Trout hatchery field trips without a cold-water conservation / wild trout educational component will not be funded. You may request up to \$1000 towards substitute teacher fees and/or transportation costs for your TIC field trip/release day, unless you also requested replacement equipment (Section 2) or additional equipment and curriculum support supplies (Section 4). If you requested a chiller, you are not eligible for field trip funding. If you requested a filter, you may only request an additional \$500 in field trip funding. If you plan on requesting additional equipment or curriculum support materials below, **your total request from all sections cannot exceed \$1000**, so prioritize your needs when filling out this application.

If funding beyond \$1000 is needed for field trip/release day activities, please seek additional assistance through your program partner, school district, local businesses, and community foundations.

If you do not need funding for field trip or release day support, please indicate so in the box below and proceed to Section 4.

19. I am seeking funding for (choose all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- Substitute teacher fees associated with a TIC field trip/release day.
- Transportation costs associated with a TIC field trip/release day.
- Neither. I do not need funding for a TIC field trip/release day. (Proceed to Section 4.)

20. Field trip/release day location:

21. Summarize the itinerary/agenda for your field trip/release day:

22. Explain how you will incorporate cold-water conservation and/or wild trout educational components into your field trip/release day.

23. List your field trip/release day partners (i.e. Trout Unlimited Chapter, County Conservation District, etc.) and briefly describe their roles in the event:

Section 4: Additional Equipment & Curriculum Support Funding Request

Applicants seeking additional equipment and curriculum support materials that weren't included in Sections 2 or 3 should complete this section. Items that may be funded under this section can include fishing equipment (rods, reels, line, vises, fly tying materials, etc.), books, posters, or other reference materials related to cold-water conservation, trout, or macroinvertebrates, and materials and supplies that will be used for hands-on curriculum-based TIC lessons and activities. Other equipment and materials will be considered on a case-by-case basis, so please provide an explanation/justification for your request in the appropriate location below. Funding cannot be used to purchase apparel such as hats, t-shirts, string backpacks, water bottles, etc.

Please remember that the total funding request for all sections of this application must not exceed \$1000 (or \$500 if you are also requesting a filter). Those who requested a chiller are not eligible for additional equipment and curriculum support materials.

If you do not need additional equipment and curriculum support materials, please indicate by checking the box below and move on to Section 5.

24. I am requesting (please check all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- Fishing Equipment - Rods, reels, vises, tackle, fly tying materials, and other equipment used to teach recreational fishing
- Curriculum Supplies - Books, posters, reference materials, and supplies that support curriculum-based activities
- Other equipment or supplies - please describe below
- None of the above. I am not requesting any of these items. (Proceed to Section 5.)

25. Please list the equipment, supplies, and/or curriculum support materials, you are requesting with approximate numbers/amounts (i.e. one brook trout lifecycle poster or 10 sets of macroinvertebrate ID cards):

Feel free to paste links to items along with the description.

26. Please describe how these items will be used to enhance TIC lessons and activities:

27. Please describe if/how your planned activities will incorporate recreational fishing and/or watershed conservation into your curriculum.

Section 5: Proposed Budget

All applicants must download and complete the proposed budget form located at <https://www.patrountotheclassroom.org/patu-grant.html>. Once your budget form is complete, you must upload it below (preferred) OR email it to Rachel Kester at c-rkester@pa.gov in order for your grant request to be considered for funding.

Once your application and budget form are received, they will be reviewed and scored based on program priorities and assessed need. Applicants will be notified of their award status one way or the other.

Replacement equipment (chillers and filters) and chillers for new TIC startup grants will be sent directly to your school once the new school year has begun. Checks for field trip support, other equipment, materials, and supplies will be mailed to the schools prior to June 30, 2024.

28. Please upload your budget form here (preferred) or email to c-rkester@pa.gov by April 28, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Files submitted:

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