

2026/27 PA Trout in the Classroom New Program Grant Application

This form is for Pennsylvania teachers and/or program partners who wish to apply for funding to support a **NEW** Trout in the Classroom program for the 2026/27 school year.

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

- Have previously attended one of the FREE TIC Teacher Workshops.

If you have never attended a workshop (or would like a refresher), FREE on-demand workshops will be available in the second half of 2026. You must complete online TIC workshop prior by 4p.m. 8/20/26 and register for the upcoming PATIC school year by 4 p.m. 8/31/26.

- Identify and contact a local program partner to assist you with your program. (If you need assistance identifying a program partner, visit the [Program Partners webpage](#).)
- Secure matching funds to purchase a TIC Startup Kit from That Fish Place and other necessary supplies. See Section 2 below.
- Submit proof of matching funds and a budget form by the grant deadline.

Please complete each section of the application as instructed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Sunday, May 17, 2026.** For questions, email Eric Null at eric.null@tu.org.

1. Email *

Section 1: School/Organizational Information

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

2. School or Organization Name

3. Applicant is a:

Mark only one oval.

Teacher/School District

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

Other:

4. If applicant is a Teacher/School District, please list your Partnering Organization. If applicant is a Partnering Organization, please list your Teacher/School partner. Please be specific. (For example: Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited vs. Trout Unlimited) If you need help identifying a partnering organization, please visit <https://www.patrountintheclassroom.org/program-partners.html>.

5. School or Organization Street Address

6. City

7. State (Must be PA)

8. Zip Code

9. Contact Person (First Name)

10. Contact Person (Last Name)

11. Contact Person Email Address:

12. Confirm Email Address:

13. Contact Person Phone (during business hours):

14. Please enter shipping address where chiller should be delivered, if awarded.

15. Please enter the name of the person to whose attention the package should be addressed.

Section 2: TIC Startup Funding Request

Only applicants starting a **NEW** TIC program should complete this section. If your application is approved, PATU will cover the cost of purchasing and shipping a chiller to your school, while you will be responsible for purchasing the remainder of the equipment and supplies utilizing matching funds. Matching funds can come from the school district, TU chapter, conservation district, or other community partner. That Fish Place located in Lancaster County has put together a PA TIC Startup Kit that contains most of what you will need. Other items you will need to purchase or have donated are your aquarium, aquarium stand, 5-gallon buckets, towels, and other miscellaneous supplies. A list of these materials can be found in the [Aquarium Resource Guide](#).

To be eligible for startup funds, you must first **register for one of the upcoming PA TIC training workshops**. You must also **identify a program partner** in your community to assist with your TIC activities. Finally, you must **upload a letter providing proof of match (preferred) or email it to eric.null@tu.org**.

16. Please select the date of the upcoming TIC workshop that you have registered for:

Mark only one oval.

- I will complete the new online TIC workshop when it becomes available
- I already completed a TIC training workshop last year.

17. Please list the name of your program partner. (If you need assistance identifying a program partner, visit the [Program Partners webpage](#).)

18. Are there any other TIC tanks in your school?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

19. Please describe why you wish to become a part of the TIC program and how the program will benefit your students.

20. Please describe how participating in the TIC program will support curriculum goals in your classroom.

21. Please upload your proof of match letter here (preferred) or email to eric.null@tu.org by **11:59 PM on Sunday, May 17, 2026**.

Files submitted:

Section 3: Proposed Budget

All applicants must download and complete the proposed budget form located at <https://www.patrountintheclassroom.org/patu-grant.html>. Once your budget form is complete, you must upload it below (preferred) or email it to Eric Null at eric.null@tu.org 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.

Chillers for new TIC startup grants will be sent directly to your school once the new school year begins. Teachers receiving startup grants will be responsible for ordering their TIC startup kit from That Fish Place upon being notified of their award (contact information/instructions will be provided) and should source their other items (aquarium, stand, buckets, etc.) locally.

22. Upload your proposed budget form here by 11:59 PM on **11:59 PM on Sunday, May 17, 2026.**

Files submitted:

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