

# PA Trout in the Classroom 2021/22 Teacher Grant Application

This form is for Pennsylvania teachers and/or program partners who wish to apply for funding to support Trout in the Classroom activities for the 2021/22 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 TIC start-up costs, curriculum support materials, fly-tying and fishing equipment, and field trip costs such as substitute teacher fees and transportation. To be eligible for funding, you must have also attended a TIC Teacher Workshop. If this is your first year, you must agree to attend one of the upcoming TIC workshops on June 22, June 23, or July 12.

Please complete each section of the application as instructed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applications are due by April 18, 2021. For questions, email Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

**\* Required**

1. Email address \*

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

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes (You are not eligible for funding this year. Please contact your program partner for assistance.)

No

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

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No, but I plan to attend one of the upcoming workshops in June or July.

### Section 1: School/Organizational Information

4. Applicant Name (School or Organization)

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5. Applicant Street Address

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6. Applicant City

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7. Applicant State (Must be PA)

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8. Applicant Zip Code

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9. Contact Person (First Name)

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10. Contact Person (Last Name)

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11. Email Address:

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12. Confirm Email Address:

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13. Phone (during business hours):

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

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15. If awarded funding, a check should be made out to:

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16. Applicant is a:

*Mark only one oval.*

Teacher/School District

Partnering Organization

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. If applicant is a Teacher/School District, please list your Partnering Organization. If applicant is a Partnering Organization, please list your Teacher/School partner.

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## Section 2: Replacement Equipment Request

Applicants in need of replacement equipment critical to keeping their existing TIC tank operating should 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 \$300 in additional funding for the purchase of additional supplies and materials or field trip expenses.

Please note that if funded, replacement equipment will be ordered by PATU and shipped directly to your location at the start of the 2021/22 school year. Please check with your program partner first to see if they are able to assist you with repairing or replacing your equipment before you apply below.

18. I am in need of the following critical equipment to keep my current TIC tank operating for the 2021/22 school year:

*Check all that apply.*

- Tradewinds 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 \$500 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 \$300 in field trip supplies. If you plan on requesting additional equipment or curriculum support materials below, your total request from all sections cannot exceed \$500, so prioritize your needs when filling out this application.

If funding beyond \$500 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:

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

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

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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:

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**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 fly tying equipment and materials, fishing equipment (rods, reels, line, 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 \$500 (or \$300 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 or fly tying equipment and/or supplies
- Reference materials, equipment, and supplies that support curriculum-based activities
- Other equipment or supplies
- 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):

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

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27. Please describe if/how your planned activities will incorporate recreational fishing and/or watershed conservation into your curriculum. Also describe if/how requested materials will help you integrate NOAA's Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (MWEE) into your curriculum.

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Section  
5: TIC  
Startup  
Funding  
Request

Only applicants hoping to start a NEW TIC program in their school should complete this section. In order to qualify for assistance purchasing a new TIC kit, applicants must come up with approximately \$700 in matching funds. These funds can come from the school district, TU chapter, conservation district, or other community partner. Grant funding will pay for the cost of a Tradewind chiller, while matching funds should be used to purchase the remainder of the equipment and supplies that will be needed to start a new TIC program. That Fish Place located in Lancaster County has put together a PA TIC Startup Kit that contains most of what you will need for \$560. 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 at [www.patrountintheclassroom.org](http://www.patrountintheclassroom.org).

To be eligible for startup funds, you must first contact Cody Whipple at [cwhipple@pa.gov](mailto:cwhipple@pa.gov) to register for the PA TIC program and agree to complete one of the upcoming TIC workshops in June or July. You must also identify a program partner in your community to assist with your TIC activities. If you need assistance identifying a program partner, contact Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov). Finally, you must email a letter providing proof of match to [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

If you are not requesting TIC startup funds, please proceed to Section 6.

28. Have you contacted Cody Whipple to register for the TIC Program?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No (Please contact Cody Whipple to register or your application will not be considered.)

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

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

Not sure



30. Will you agree to attend one of the upcoming TIC workshops on June 22, June 23, or July 12? (To be held virtually this year.)

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No (Your application will not be considered.)

31. Please list your program partner(s) below. If you need help identifying a program partner, please contact Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

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

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

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34. I have emailed my proof of match letter to Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No (Application will not be considered without proof of match.)

Section

6:

Proposed  
Budget

All applicants must download and complete the proposed budget form located at <https://www.patrouintheclassroom.org/patu-grant.html>. Once your budget form is complete, you must email it to Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto: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 towards the end of summer vacation. Checks for field trip support, other equipment, materials, and supplies will be mailed to the schools around the same time. 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. etc.) locally.

35. I have completed the budget form and emailed it to Rachel Kester.

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No (Your application will not be reviewed unless you submit a budget form.)

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