

# PA Trout in the Classroom 2024/25 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 2024/25 school year.

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

- Have previously attended one of the FREE TIC Teacher Workshops held in 2023 or be registered to attend one of the four upcoming virtual workshops being offered in 2024. Workshops will be held on April 24, June 26, August 21, and August 28. You can register for a workshop [here](#). If you have not completed or are not registered for a workshop when grant applications are reviewed following the submission deadline, you will not be considered for a grant.
- 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 April 28, 2024.** For questions, email Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

## 1. Email \*

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### Section 1: School/Organizational Information

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

## 2. School or Organization Name

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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 contact Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

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5. School or Organization Street Address

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6. City

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7. State (Must be PA)

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8. 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. Contact Person Email Address:

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12. Confirm Email Address:

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13. Contact Person Phone (during business hours):

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

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

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## 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 for **\$688**. 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 [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov)**.

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

*Mark only one oval.*

- April 24, 2024
- June 26, 2024
- August 21, 2024
- August 28, 2024
- 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](#).)

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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.

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

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21. Please upload your proof of match letter here (preferred) or email to [crkester@pa.gov](mailto:crkester@pa.gov) by 11:59 PM on April 28, 2024.

Files submitted:

### Section 3: 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 upload it below (preferred) or 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.

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 (preferred) or email to [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov) by 11:59 PM on April 28, 2024.

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