



Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) Program 2019 ADMITTANCE APPLICATION

The goal of this program is to immerse 3rd through 12th grade students in a classroom based, hands-on learning opportunity, with repetitive exposure to salmon, their life cycle and their effects on the ecosystem, that will encourage a lifelong respect for the natural resources—and to expose students to fishing as a fun skill!

One of the many reasons for enrolling in the program is the diversity of subject matter that teachers can integrate into their lesson plans through raising salmon. The program can easily help teachers cover STEM as well as social studies, ELA, Michigan's history and even art!

This unique learning experience allows students the opportunity to raise, care for and maintain the salmon in their classroom from fall until spring. The program culminates at the end of the school year with the release of the young fish in a local watershed that feeds one of the Great Lakes.

The Salmon in the Classroom program is not for everyone. It requires a time commitment from classrooms to raise the fish for almost the entire school year. It requires schools to obtain the necessary equipment. It requires an educator that will teach students about our Great Lakes ecosystem, the importance of water quality to healthy fish, and fisheries management. To learn more, see our [Start Up Guide](#).

It is however a very rewarding program. For many students, participation in the program provides a truly motivational experience. To watch life unfold before their eyes, to guide the growth and health of developing fish, and later release those fish into a natural, quality habitat can be a life changing experience for some.

Before completing your Admittance Request, please read the Salmon in the Classroom web pages at www.michigan.gov/sic, particularly the Commitment section. This is a highly competitive application process.

Please fill out all requested information. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Thank you for your interest in the Salmon in the Classroom program. Applications will be reviewed, and your acceptance, or denial, will be emailed by June 15. Denial letters will be accompanied by an explanation, and/or ways to improve your Admittance Request for the next year.

Please send a completed application via email, or mail no later than April 15, 2019 to:

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Requested by authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources



Teacher Name (Legal Permittee/tank in their classroom)	Teacher Email
Name of School	Classroom/Teacher Telephone
Address	Driver's License # (Required for Scientific Collector's Permit)
City, State, ZIP	Name of Principal
County	Principal Email

Program Support Factors (Check if the answer is yes, or fill out appropriately)

New Teacher
 Returning Teacher
 Replacement Teacher (taking over tank)
 Former SIC teacher name: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	My principal has approved my Salmon in the Classroom Application
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will attend a 1 day mandatory workshop in mid-November (dates given in acceptance letters)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have permission to take my class(es) on a field trip in April/May to release our salmon in an approved waterway
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will answer correspondence from the SIC Coordinators within a week's time
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand I must submit a mandatory Stocking Report within 14 days after release, even if I have a total fish loss
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will submit any news/media coverage, new activities, videos or lessons to the SIC Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	I already have a sponsor/grant/funding to cover the cost of my classroom aquarium, chiller and supplies Explanation/Sponsor Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	I already have equipment (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> tank <input type="checkbox"/> stand <input type="checkbox"/> chiller <input type="checkbox"/> other supplies
<input type="checkbox"/>	My school already has a SIC program, I will be an additional tank If so, which teacher runs it? _____

Student Participation

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade level(s) of participating students			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approximate number of students participating in salmon centric classroom lessons (not just tank viewers)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Students will actively be involved in the maintenance of the tank and feeding of salmon			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will teach about Salmon and/or the Great Lakes Ecosystem for _____ hours each week for _____ weeks	OR	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will incorporate Salmon/Great Lakes Ecosystems throughout the school year for _____ hours/week

Natural Resource Education Commitment

What part of raising Salmon in the classroom directly translates to Michigan Science Standards in your class, including cross curriculum integration plans and subjects covered? *Attach additional pages if necessary*

Please elaborate on other plans you have to include the Salmon in the Classroom program in your school or classroom's plans. (i.e. additional field trips, guest speakers, community involvement, teach back to other classes or parents, release day rotations, partnerships, etc.) *Attach additional pages if necessary.*

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Teacher

Date

Signature of Principal

Date