



SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM (SIC) PROGRAM ADMITTANCE REQUEST

Thank you for your interest in the Salmon in the Classroom program. Applications will be reviewed by mid-June, so you will know if you've been accepted for participation in the fall of 2017 before the school year ends. Denial letters will be accompanied by an explanation, and/or ways to improve your Admittance Request for the next year.

The goal of this program is to immerse third through twelfth 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.

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.

Please fill out all requested information. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Please send a completed application via email, fax or mail no later than April 15, 2017 to:

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Requested by authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Teacher Name	Teacher Email
Name of School	Teacher/Classroom Telephone ()
Address	School Telephone ()
City, State, ZIP	Name of Principal
County	Principal Email

PROGRAM SUPPORT FACTORS (CHECK IF THE ANSWER IS YES, OR FILL OUT APPROPRIATELY)

The principal at your school is supportive of your proposed participation in the Salmon in the Classroom Program.

I will make myself available to attend a 1 day mandatory workshop.
(In mid-November, dates given in acceptance letters)

I will be free to answer correspondence from SIC Coordinators within a week's time.

I already have a sponsor/grant/funding to cover the cost of my classroom aquarium and supplies.
Explanation/comment: _____

I have permission to take my class(es) on a field trip in the spring to release their salmon.

I am applying to replace a teacher who is already in the program.
If so, what is their name? _____

My school already has an SIC program.
If so, which teacher runs it? _____

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

_____ Grade level(s) of participating students.

_____ Approximate number of students participating in salmon centric lessons and activities (not just tank viewers).

I will teach a unit that correlates to Salmon and/or the Great Lakes Ecosystem for _____ hours, each week for _____ weeks, OR

_____ I will incorporate Salmon/Great Lakes Ecosystem throughout the school year for _____ hours/week, OR

_____ Both

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? (ie. ELA and L.Ec.06.3i, attach additional pages as 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 classrooms or parents, onsite water quality tests at release.)

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

Signature of Teacher

Date

Signature of Principal

Date