

PLTW Grants: Frequently Asked Questions

Application & Award Timing

When can I apply?

Our grant cycle runs **July 1 to June 30**. We recommend applying in the **fall semester** to maximize your chances of being considered for the widest range of grants.

What happens after I apply?

After you apply, PLTW will continue to consider your application for other grants throughout the **2026–27 cycle, which ends June 30, 2027**.

When are grants awarded?

Many grants are awarded at the **end of fall semester and early spring semester**. Others are awarded on a **rolling basis throughout the year**.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible institutions include:

- Traditional public schools
- Public charter schools
- Private nonprofit schools

(All must be located in the United States or its territories.)

Why does each grant have its own criteria?

PLTW grants are funded by corporate, foundation, and government partners. Each partner may focus on specific programs, grade bands, or geographic regions that align with their workforce and community priorities. That's why eligibility can vary by grant.

Do I need to apply separately for each opportunity?

No. You only need to **submit one application per PLTW program**. We'll match you automatically to all the grants your school qualifies for.

Application Process

How do I apply?

1. Log in to (or create) your [myPLTW](#) account
2. Click the **Grants icon** on your homepage
3. Select **Start an Application**
4. Complete the required fields
5. Click **Save & Submit**

Can I save my application and return later?

Yes. Use **Save and Return Later**. Your application will not be considered until you click **Save & Submit**.

Can I edit my application after submitting?

No. Applications cannot be edited once submitted.

Can I preview the application?

Yes. Once you begin an application in myPLTW, you can download a full PDF preview.

Application Content

What kinds of questions will I be asked?

The application helps you articulate your plans for PLTW, including:

- Which courses, units, or modules you want to offer and when
- Who will teach them
- Student and school demographics
- Readiness to implement
- Expected student impact
- Financial plan for sustaining the program beyond the grant period

What is PLTW looking for in a strong application?

- **Readiness:** Feasible, well-thought-out plan
- **Support:** Leadership committed to long-term success
- **Access:** Broad student reach
- **Impact:** Clear, measurable outcomes
- **Sustainability:** Financial/organizational stability after the grant period

Information You'll Need

Before you begin, gather:

- **Primary Contact:** name, role/title, email, phone
- **Secondary Contact:** name, role/title, email, phone
- **Student Enrollment** (current year)
- **Number of students eligible for free lunch**
- **Number of students eligible for reduced-price lunch**

Note: Report total student counts, not percentages. Do not double-count students.

You'll also need your **program plan**, including curriculum, timeline, teacher assignments, and how you'll sustain the program long-term.

Tips for Success

- If you already offer the program, describe how next year will be different or expanded
- Be clear and specific—avoid acronyms if possible
- Use complete sentences
- Have a colleague proofread before submitting

Importance of Grant Contacts

- **Primary Contact:** Receives the grant agreement if awarded. Should be someone with signing authority (or who can route to the signer).
- **Secondary Contact:** Helps with program tasks such as reporting. Often a principal or teacher.

Need Help?

- Review the [Application Guide](#) and [Checklist](#)
- Visit the [PLTW Grants](#) page anytime
- Contact the **PLTW Solution Center** at [877.335.7589](tel:877.335.7589) or solutioncenter@pltw.org