

Centre PACT Grant Guidelines (2026)

Centre PACT (Philanthropic Actions Created by Teens) is Centre Foundation's hands-on philanthropy program for high school students in Centre County. Throughout the program, students identify issues affecting their peers, solicit and review grant applications, and distribute grants to local nonprofits that will have a positive impact on youth in our community. Centre PACT students are responsible for developing grant recommendations for the annual distribution from the Foundation's Centre PACT Fund, a permanent endowment fund which supports this program, as well as conducting fundraising activities in support of their grants.

All types of youth-serving organizations are encouraged to apply but students are most interested in funding projects or programs that pertain to:

- **Basic Needs Access:** Human Services, Housing & Food Security, etc.
- **Education Access:** STEM, Extra Curricular Activities, etc.
- **Environment:** Conservation, Climate Change, Parks, etc.
- **Health and Wellness:** Mental Health, Nutrition, Sports and Active Lifestyle, etc.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations that are registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt.
- Funding must be used to address issues that impact young people (Pre-K–12) in Centre County, Pennsylvania.
- Funding must be used to support programs/projects that comply with Centre Foundation's Nondiscrimination Policy.
- Recipient organizations are required to attend Centre PACT's year-end celebration in June 2026 and, in lieu of a grant report, must provide an update on the funded project at a Centre PACT meeting in Fall 2026.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, December 2, 2025** – Centre PACT online grant application opens.
- **Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 11:59 pm** – Deadline to submit an application.
- **Before April 30, 2026** – Notification of grant awards.
- **Spring 2026** – Recipients attend Centre PACT's year-end celebration.
- **Fall 2026** – Recipients provide project update to Centre PACT.

Instructions

Due Date: Applications are due by 11:59 pm on **Thursday, January 15, 2026**.

Applications must be submitted through [Foundant](#), Centre Foundation's online application portal. Please do not email, fax, physically mail, or hand-deliver your proposal. Application questions can be found at the end of this document.

Applicants will be notified of grant decisions in April 2026 and grant awards will be issued in June.

Budget: The online application requires a detailed budget. Please specify how requested grant funds will be used. Be detailed (i.e., 25 calculators @ \$10 each = \$250.00). You may download and use this [simple Excel budget template](#).

The maximum grant amount you may request is \$5,000. Grant award amounts typically range from \$500 to \$3,000, and the average amount awarded is \$1,400.

Reporting: Organizations that receive Centre PACT funding are required to attend the end-of-year celebration in May 2026 to accept the grant award. Organizations are also required to provide a project update at a future Centre PACT meeting.

Foundant Grant Portal

[Foundant](#) is Centre Foundation's new grant management portal. This portal allows users to view, edit, and submit grant applications and related documents. If you already have an account, click the green button below, enter your email address and password, and click the blue "Log On" button.

If you do not already have an account, click the green button below and click the grey "Create New Account" button to register. For instructions on creating a new account, please view this [Applicant Tutorial](#) which includes a step-by-step guide and video demonstrations.

If you need any assistance or are unsure if you already have an account, please contact Krista Williams, Grants and Scholarship Coordinator, at krista@centrefoundation.org or call (814) 237-6229.

[Click Here to Access Foundant](#)

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Centre Foundation

Please Read Before Proceeding

The Centre PACT Grant Program is made possible by **Centre PACT**, Centre Foundation's hands-on, student-driven philanthropy program for Centre County high school students. Each year, students in the program (grades 9-12) assess local youth needs, solicit and review grant applications, fundraise, and distribute grants to local nonprofits that will have a positive impact on youth in our community.

Before you begin, review our **Nondiscrimination Policy** and the **2026 Centre PACT Grant Guidelines**, which include application questions, important dates, and helpful tips.

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Organization Information

Organization Website

Character Limit: 50

Year Organization Was Founded*

Character Limit: 4

Organization's Mission Statement*

Character Limit: 350

Request Narrative

Project Name*

Name of Project (10 words or less)

Character Limit: 100

Project Summary*

Please provide a brief summary (1-2 sentences) of your proposed project.

Character Limit: 350

Purpose and Need*

Please describe the nature of your proposed project in detail, including:

- What needs, problems, or challenges the project will address, particularly for young people in Centre County and how the project will address those needs (for example, needs of underserved populations)
- What other organizations or entities, if any, will be collaborating on this project
- The number of individuals and population that will be served, as well as how participants are selected or identified

Underserved populations are groups that face significant barriers to accessing necessary resources and services and often experience systemic inequalities due to factors like economic status, race, ethnicity, geographic location, disability, age, and sexual orientation.

Character Limit: 2000

Goals and Outcomes*

Please describe the goals of your proposed project in detail, including:

- The approximate timeframe in which activities for the project will occur
- The anticipated outcomes and/or overall impact of the project
- How you plan to measure the results of the project

Character Limit: 2000

Youth Participation*

Please describe how you have sought, or plan to seek, input from the people who will be served by this grant. Please include how youth (Pre-K—12) are involved with the development and/or implementation of this project, if applicable.

Character Limit: 1000

Numbers Served*

What is the estimated number of individuals that will be served by this project during the grant period?

Character Limit: 5

Ages Served*

Which age group(s) will be served by this project?

Choices

0-5

6-17

18-25

26-65

65+

N/A

Request Budget

Requested Grant Amount*

Maximum: \$5,000

Character Limit: 20

Total Estimated Cost of Project*

Character Limit: 20

Project Expenses*

Please describe the expenses related to this project, including how you would specifically use the grant funds requested in this application. Include a detailed line-item budget with item descriptions, quantities, and estimated costs below. If only partially funded, how would your organization prioritize use of the grant funds?

Character Limit: 3000

Project Revenue*

Please describe any potential and actual sources of revenue related to this project beyond the funds requested in this application. Include funding and/or in-kind contributions from individuals, corporations, governments and/or other foundations and estimated amounts below. If not applicable, type "N/A".

Character Limit: 3000

Optional: Upload Budget

You may upload a copy of your project budget, but you are not required to do so. Click [here](#) to download simple budget Excel template.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Next Steps

Please review your application.

By clicking the "Submit" button below, you agree that:

- You are authorized by your organization to apply for this grant.
- If funds are granted, they will be used for programs/projects that comply with Centre Foundation's [Nondiscrimination Policy](#).
- If funds are granted, organization will provide an update to Centre PACT in Fall 2026.

Upon submission, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provided. If you have not received the confirmation email within a few minutes, please check your Spam or Junk folder.

Organizations awarded a grant will be asked to submit additional data relevant to our Strategic Plan as part of their grant agreement.

Next steps: Centre PACT students will review proposals and invite a select number of finalists to present at a future meeting. Applicants will be notified of grant award decisions on or before **April 30, 2026**.

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Internal - Eligibility Review

Centre PACT: Nonprofit Status*

Is the applicant a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in good standing with the IRS? Verify status through IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search or Guidestar Charity Check.

Choices

Yes

No

Centre PACT: Service Area*

Does the proposed program/project serve young people (Pre-K—12) in Centre County and/or address an identified area of impact?

Choices

Yes

No