

A photograph of several small green seedlings with two leaves each, growing in a brown peat-based seedling tray. The soil is dark brown.

# ACRE SEEDS FOR SUCCESS

## GROWING FUTURE AG ENTREPRENEURS

## PROGRAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Download and save the application before you fill it out. Your work will not be saved if you do not download it first.**

**ACRE Seeds for Success** is an entrepreneurship program for South Carolina students (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) currently enrolled in school. The program is designed to help students learn how to build a business plan, create a business pitch, and improve public speaking skills, with the opportunity to be funded up to \$5,000 (checks are made out to the schools). Please note that all entries must be related to agriculture and/or agribusiness.

Please read the Terms and Conditions carefully before completing and submitting your application/business plan. By submitting your application to the Entrepreneurship Center, you accept and agree to the following terms and conditions:

Businesses may be real/existing if the student(s) already have an operating business, however most participants will invent their business. The program can be completed by individuals or teams of no more than 5. Each school can have up to two teams and each team or individual must have an adult teacher and/or supervisor (if two teams from same school, one teacher/supervisor can oversee both teams).

Each team or individual will need to complete a business plan (fillable template provided, but not required), a pitch presentation (ex. PowerPoint, Canva, Google Slides), and present the pitch presentation live

to a panel of judges. On Pitch Day, please expect to be present for all contestants' pitches. We will serve a buffet-style lunch where participants will have the opportunity to hear from agribusiness professionals.

Visit [acre-sc.com/programs/seeds-for-success](https://acre-sc.com/programs/seeds-for-success) to find helpful materials (including a business plan guide) and videos for creating your business plan and pitch.

Please complete the following application and email it to Addie Roberson at [aroberson@scda.sc.gov](mailto:aroberson@scda.sc.gov) to declare your students' intent to participate by October 17, 2025. Once declared, you will receive a sample business plan and video pitch from an ACRE awardee.

## DATES

**August 18, 2025** | Application goes live

**October 17, 2025** | Declare intent to participate

**November 18, 2025** | Business plans due

**November 26, 2025** | Those selected to pitch notified  
(Only be necessary if we have a surplus of applicants)

**January 13, 2025** | Pitch Day in Columbia at Phillips Market Center (Time TBD—based on number of applicants)

**January 20, 2025** | Awardees notified

# APPLICATION

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members' Names \_\_\_\_\_

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Each Student's T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Project Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Any Other Relevant Information

**RETURN BY OCTOBER 17, 2025**

Addie Roberson

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