



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 (7th – 12th grade) currently enrolled in school (this includes homeschool). 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 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 to declare your students' intent to participate by September 16, 2026. Once declared, you will receive a sample business plan and video pitch from an ACRE awardee.

DATES

August 17, 2026 | Application goes live

October 17, 2026 | Declare intent to participate

November 19, 2026 | Business plans due

December 4, 2026 | Those selected to pitch notified
(Only necessary if we have a surplus of applicants)

January 13, 2027 | Pitch Day in Columbia at Phillips Market Center *(Time TBD—based on number of applicants)*

January 20, 2027 | Awardees notified

APPLICATION

Company Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Team Members' Names _____

Each Student's T-Shirt Size _____

Project Contact (Teacher/Advisor/Parent) _____

Email _____

Any Other Relevant Information

RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

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