

# Child Care Provider Scholarship

## What is the Child Care Provider Scholarship?

The Child Care Provider Scholarship Program provides a way for professional child care providers to continue their education.

Providers can earn:

- Early Childhood Certificates
- Early Education Associate Degree
- Undergraduate Degree in Birth-Kindergarten Education
- Masters Degree in Birth-Kindergarten Education

## What are the eligibility requirements?

You must meet ALL of the following:

- Fulfill entrance requirements at the educational institution of your choice.
- Enroll in the EARLY childhood education program.
- Enroll in at least one course required for the degree program in which you are enrolled.
- Work or consult in an early childhood program, located in Forsyth County, for at least 20 hours per week with children ages birth to pre-K.
- Indicate a serious commitment to the profession and to continued professional development.
- Agree to work in the early childhood field in Forsyth County for at least one year after the scholarship period.
- Maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA from the point of first entering the scholarship program.
- Are not already receiving a scholarship.

## Other Policies

Scholarships are awarded for one academic semester at a time, with a review of academic performance at the end of each semester. A scholarship may be terminated at the end of a semester if requirements are not met. A scholarship may be renewed for additional semesters if:

- √ Funding is available
- √ Recipient maintains a 2.75 GPA
- √ Recipient continues to meet all requirements
- √ Recipient maintains a commitment to work with children, birth to pre-K
- √ Recipient must re-apply each semester

You and the educational institution you choose will be notified at the time the scholarship is awarded.

- The lesser of 75% of tuition or \$1000 is the maximum amount of scholarship available. (Awards are subject to funding.)
- 25% is the amount of tuition and fees you will owe to the institution. You must provide Smart Start of Forsyth County with proof of payment.
- \$300 is the maximum amount available for required books and course materials, as listed on the course syllabus.
- Tuition, book costs and other fees will be paid directly to the institution.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, you must first contact the educational institution of your choice:

Forsyth Technical Community College  
Education Department • 723-0371

Winston-Salem State University  
Education Department • 750-2550

Applications are available through:

Smart Start of Forsyth County

Work Family Resource Center

## Application

[Return to: Smart Start of Forsyth County](#)

7820 North Point Boulevard • Suite 200 • Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Postmarked by: **July 1st (Fall Semester) or November 1st (Spring Semester)**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment at this Center: From \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ To \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Average hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor/Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or course study you wish to pursue: (Please Check Only One)

Licensure in B-K Education

Early Education Associate Degree

Early Childhood Certificates

Undergraduate Degree in B-K

Masters Degree in B-K

Number of Courses: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Credit Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution you plan to attend:  Forsyth Technical Community College  Winston-Salem State University  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning with the Fall 2010 Semester, Smart Start of Forsyth County will offer scholarships to institutions of higher learning outside of Forsyth County (including online colleges). Any institution chosen must be nationally accredited.

Semester you are applying for: (Please Check Only One)  SUMMER  SPRING  FALL

Have you been accepted anywhere?  YES  NO If so, where: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Attach Acceptance Letter)

Have you ever received a scholarship?  YES  NO If so, where: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving a TEACH scholarship?  YES  NO If so, where: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving a scholarship other than TEACH?  YES  NO If so, where: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving a Pell Grant?  YES  NO If so, Amount \_\_\_\_\_

What is the highest level of Early Childhood Education you have achieved? Please check one.

Certificate or Diploma

Associate Degree

Licensure

Undergraduate

### COMMITMENT TO RECEIVING A SMART START SCHOLARSHIP

1. I commit to work with children ages birth to pre-K in Forsyth County for at least one year following the period of the scholarship.
2. I agree to have the Financial Aid office in my educational institution provide SSFC copies of any necessary personal financial information including the FAFSA and any other information requested.
3. I will release my official transcript to Smart Start of Forsyth County at any time during the scholarship period.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_