

Early Educator and Child Care Provider Scholarship

What is the Early Educator and Child Care Provider Scholarship?

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

Providers can earn:

- Certificate / Early Education Associate Degree
- Undergraduate Degree in Birth-Kindergarten Education / Licensure in B-K Education
- Master's Degree in Birth – Pre 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. (The Pell Grant is currently allowed.)

Other Policies

Scholarships are awarded for one academic semester at a time, with a review of academic performance at the end of the 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 Cumulative GPA (**from point of first entering the Smart Start scholarship program**)
- 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 \$1,000 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

Application – Fall 2013

Return to: Smart Start of Forsyth County, Inc.
7820 North Point Boulevard Suite 200
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Attn: Cheryl Young

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

Personal Information

Name: _____ SS No: _____ - _____ - _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: () _____

City/Zip Code _____ Email Address: _____

Current Employer: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip Code _____ Phone: () _____

Dates of Employment at this Center: From ___/___/___ to ___/___/___ Position: _____

Age Group You Teach/Work With _____

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 Certificate

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. These must be non-profit colleges and universities within North Carolina.

Have you been accepted anywhere? YES NO If so, where: _____

(Please Attach Acceptance Letter. If not currently available, must provide as soon as possible)

Have you ever received a scholarship? YES NO If "Yes", where: _____

Are you currently receiving a TEACH scholarship? YES NO

Are you receiving a scholarship other than T.E.A.C.H.? YES NO

If "YES", name of scholarship: _____ Amount: _____

Are you receiving a Pell Grant? YES NO If "Yes" 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 five 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 _____