



# Smart Start Early Care and Education

## 2021.2022 Dedication to Education Bonus Application

**Please print clearly. Complete ALL sections.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
street city st zip

Home/Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (ex. Lead/Assist. Teacher, Administrator, FCCH, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay Scale: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ hr./salary Hrs per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Infant-Toddler Educator AWARD\$?: Yes  No

Education Qualifications:

Level I Bonus

- Early Childhood Preschool Certificate or Infant Toddler Care Certificate or Early Childhood Diploma or CDA and/or
- Level 2 - 7 on the NC Early Educator Certification (EEC)

Level II Bonus

- Associate, Bachelor's or Master's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development and/or
- Level 8 - 13 on the NC Early Educator Certification (EEC)

Educational Enrollment

- Transcript (official or unofficial) indicating early childhood coursework completed between 4/1/21 and 3/31/22

Educational Documentation:

(Only one is required. Please do not include documentation not listed below.)

- Copy of transcript (*unofficial is acceptable*) indicating a degree in early childhood education or child development
- Copy of diploma indicating a degree in early childhood education or child development
- Copy of NC Early Educator Certificate (EEC) issued by the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals indicating Level 2 or above (*does not need to be current*).

Income Documentation:

- Copy of recent paystub clearly documenting rate of pay (within 30 days), W2 or 2020 tax document.

I have read the eligibility requirements and application carefully. To the best of my knowledge, my application and accompanying documentation are complete and correct. I understand that the funding for the **Dedication to Education Bonus** is dependent and contingent upon approval from the North Carolina Partnership for Children and availability of funds from the state of North Carolina, as approved by the N.C. General Assembly. I understand that priority will be given to those working directly with children in a licensed child care facility, and earning less than \$35,360 annually. I understand that in order to be eligible for this bonus, I must be in good standing with Smart Start of New Hanover County (ex. no outstanding fees or resources). I am aware that Smart Start of New Hanover County may be checking my employment periodically after the bonus is issued in efforts to track teacher retention.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Verification

**APPLICANTS:** This section MUST be completed prior to submitting your application. FCCH owners may complete for themselves.

DCDEE name of child care facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be received or postmarked by: Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm**

**Please return application via mail or hand delivery to:** Smart Start of NHC- attn: Mindy Davis, 3534 S. College Rd., Suite F, Wilmington 28412

Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.