



Smart Start Early Care and Education

2023-2024 Dedication to Education Individual Level 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: \$ _____ hourly/annually Hrs per week: _____ Receiving 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 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:

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

- Copy of recent paystub clearly documenting rate of pay (within 60 days), 2023 W2, or 2023 Schedule C.

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 \$39,520 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 this for themselves.

DCDEE name of child care facility: _____ Facility phone: _____

Administrator name: _____ Signature: _____

Applications must be received or postmarked by: Friday, April 12th, 2024 by 5:00pm

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

Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.