



## **NC Pre-Kindergarten Application Instructions 2021-2022**

*North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K)* is a high quality, **FREE\*** educational program designed to enhance school readiness and prepare four-year-olds for Kindergarten. *NC Pre-K* classrooms typically operate on the local school system calendar. \*The only costs that may be associated with the NC Pre-K program would be a fee to cover the partial/full costs of meals when families do not qualify for free/reduced priced meals.

**Transportation is not provided by NC Pre-K.**

Many factors are considered when determining eligibility. Your child must be **4 years old on or before August 31, 2021** in order to be considered. In addition to your child's age, a high priority is placed on serving children who are "at-risk", such as low income or limited English proficiency. Information collected with your child's application will help determine your child's eligibility and potential placement in the program.

**Applications will be accepted beginning March 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Applications received after the deadline may be considered only when there are openings.**

Please complete the online application and upload the following documents:

- Parent/Guardian photo ID
- A copy of your child's birth certificate
- A current Medicaid card (if applicable, dated 2019-2021) or proof of insurance
- Income verification (one month's worth of most recent check stubs). Individuals self-employed may provide 2020 Income Tax Return. Please provide other income verification if applicable: Unemployment benefits, Child Support, Work First or SSI.
- If parent/caregiver is attending school, provide most recent college schedule
- Proof of street address (utility bill, power bill, cable bill, telephone bill, or lease **ONLY**, we cannot accept a cell phone bill)
- Child's current shot record
- Children's Medical Report form\* & Dental Assessment form\* (these should be current - dated after 8-31-2020) **Please make sure each section of the form is completed this includes a vision & hearing screening has been checked.** \*These will be required, within 30 days from the first day of school, if your child is accepted into the program.
- Proof of the following if any of these apply
  - a. Military documentation
  - b. Letter from doctor or current health assessment indicating the child has a chronic health condition
  - c. IEP documentation
  - d. Letter from doctor or current health assessment indicating child has a developmental need
  - e. Documentation regarding custody or guardianship of the child if applicable

**Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

**If you have questions, please call Smart Start Rowan at 704-630-9085.**

Child placement will begin in July. You will be notified by e-mail/mail, if your child has been accepted into the program. This program is based on the limited availability of State funding as well as classroom availability.