

**2010-2011 Application
Education for the Stars Bonus
Smart Start of Davidson County**
(please print)

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Mailing Address: Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: Work: _____ Home: _____

Current Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Facility ID Number: _____ WAGE\$ Participant ____yes ____ no

Highest degree completed: High School ____ AAS__ BA/BS____ MA/MS____

Field of Study: Early Childhood/Child Development Other (specify):

Office Use Only: Verification of Degree Program:

In the space(s) below, list each curriculum course toward an Early Childhood degree successfully completed during the **Summer 2010**. Provide all requested information. (An example is provided to assist you.)

Course Prefix and Number	Course Title (exactly as it appears in the College catalogue or course syllabus)	Total Semester Credit Hours for this course	Final Course Grade (To be completed by SSDC staff)
<i>Example: EDU 145</i>	<i>Child Development II</i>	<i>3</i>	

**Note: Applications with original signatures (no faxed copies) must be submitted by 07-29-10 (Summer). **

Has the assistance from the Education for the Stars Bonus provided you access to educational opportunities you might not have had otherwise? YES _____ No _____

My signature below verifies the following:

- All of the information provided above is complete and accurate;
- Smart Start of Davidson County will report receipt of the *Education for the Stars Bonus* award to the Internal Revenue Service as required by law and that I will be responsible for payment of any taxes; and
- I have read and agree to abide by the criteria for award of the *Education for the Stars Bonus* award as printed on the front of this form.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Submit this form by the **due date** to:

Don Stewart
Smart Start of Davidson County
235 E. Center St.
Lexington, NC 27292



*Education for the Stars Bonus
Verification Form
2010-2011*

The recipient of the *Education for the Stars Bonus* award must be an employee working with children in a licensed or registered Davidson County child care facility serving children ages zero to five and employed a minimum of 20 hours per week. **A grade report, an online grade report, or transcript must be received in our office no later than September 9, 2010.**

Please verify that the bonus recipient identified below has completed this requirement.

Bonus Recipient : _____ Date _____

Child Care Facility : _____

Director/Owner's Name : _____ Phone # : _____

The above named bonus recipient has worked in our program as shown below :

Month	Employed at least 20 hrs. per week?	Age of Children Served
	Yes or No	Example: Two's or 2's
<u>June</u>	_____	_____
<u>July</u>	_____	_____
<u>August</u>	_____	_____

For More at Four, Head Start, and Public Pre-K Sites Only:

I certify that while this recipient is employed by this organization, and regularly works at least 20 hours per week, it was impossible for them to meet the work requirement due to the fact that this classroom was not operating during the summer months. Check one: _____yes _____no _____n/a

I certify that the above information is correct

_____ Date : _____

(Director/Owner's Signature)

Any Director or Owner may not sign their own verification form.

Please mail or fax this form by the due date to:

Smart Start of Davidson County
235 E. Center St.
Lexington, N.C. 27292
Fax # 249-6687

Due Date for this form: 09/09/2010

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Criteria for Award

1. The recipient of the *Education for the Stars Incentive* award must be an employee working with children in a licensed or registered Davidson County child care facility serving children ages zero to five and employed a minimum of 20 hours per week. *The attached verification form must be completed by the director or owner of the facility.* During the summer semester, some facilities are closed. Staff, although employed, may not be actively working during the summer months. If this is the case for your facility, please have your director/owner write a statement to the effect that you are still employed but do not have the option to work during the summer months because of program closure. This exception is valid only for More at Four, Head Start, and Public Pre-K classrooms.
2. The recipient must be enrolled in a curriculum course of study leading to a Certificate, Associate in Applied Science or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood, Child Development, or related field. *We are no longer able to award an incentive for any course work beyond a Bachelor's Degree.*
 - a. (Note: Participants who have previously earned a Certificate or Associate's degree in Early Childhood/Child Development must be enrolled in a course of study that leads to the next highest degree level. Participants who have earned a degree in a field other than Early Childhood, Child Development or a related field may receive the Education for the Stars incentive only if they are enrolled in an Early Childhood or Child Development degree-seeking program.)
3. The recipient must complete a course in the designated program of study (see #2), and each course must be completed with a final grade of "C" or higher. Final grades of C- or below will not qualify for payment.
4. Employment information is subject to verification **before** award of the *Education for the Stars Bonus*.
5. Payment to be based on participation in the wages program as outlined below.

Wage\$ participants – Levels 7 and 8

- Individuals in this category will no longer be eligible for EFTS cash awards

Wage\$ participants – Levels 4, 5, and 6

- Individuals in this category will be eligible for \$50 per semester credit hour with a maximum of \$600 per semester;
- Preparatory classes (non credit) will qualify for \$200;
- Overall maximum of \$600 per semester.

Wage\$ participants – Levels 1, 2, and 3

- Individuals in this category will be eligible for \$100 per semester credit hour with a maximum of \$600 per semester;
- Preparatory classes (non credit) will qualify for \$200;
- Overall maximum of \$600 per semester.

Non Wage\$ participants – Not active on the Wage\$ program

- Individuals in this category will be eligible for \$100 per semester credit hour with a maximum of \$600 per semester;
- Preparatory classes (non credit) will qualify for \$200;
- Overall maximum of \$600 per semester.

6. No *Education for the Stars Bonus* applications will be accepted after the due date in the session the course(s) was/were taken.
7. *Education for the Stars Bonus* funding is contingent upon the approval and availability of Smart Start funding by Smart Start of Davidson County.
8. *Education for the Stars Bonus* funding may be discontinued without prior notice by Smart Start of Davidson County.

Each recipient is responsible for ensuring that their application is received by the due date. The only way to ensure this is to bring all documentation to the Smart Start office by the due date. Please ask front desk staff to photocopy, initial receipt, and date all documentation for your records. Please maintain these copies to ensure receipt of Education for the Stars funds.