



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. Please pre-register online at www.rowan-smartstart.org. Applications received after the deadline may be considered only when there are openings.

Please mail or drop off a **completed, original** application along with 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 8-11-2020) **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.

DROP OFF LOCATION: Smart Start Rowan, 1329 Jake Alexander Blvd. S, Salisbury, NC 28146

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



Date Completed Application Received: _____

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NC Pre-Kindergarten Program 2021-2022 Application
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child's Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
First Middle Last

Physical Address: _____ **Phone:** _____
Street City Zip

Mailing Address: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
Street (P.O. Box) City Zip

E-mail address: _____

Gender: Male Female **Child's Ethnicity:** Hispanic Yes No

Race: (check at least one, and all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White or European American

N.C. Resident: Yes No **U.S. Citizen:** Yes No

Does your child have? Private Health Insurance Medicaid No Health Insurance

Child lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Other: _____
 (if children live with anyone other than parents, legal guardianship/custody proof is required)

Please indicate the family address situation:

- Permanent Live with Adult Relative Live with Non Relative
 Hotel/Motel Hospital for 30 days or less Battered Women & Children's Shelter
 Lack permanent nighttime address Homeless or Emergency Homeless Shelter

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Other
Spouse Name: _____

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Employed: Yes No

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How often are you paid? Weekly B--Weekly

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Semi-Monthly Monthly Other _____

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Seeking Employment: Yes No

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Are you attending College? Yes No

Are you attending College? Yes No

Attending High school or GED program? Yes No

Attending High school or GED program? Yes No

Are you in job training? Yes No

Are you in job training? Yes No

Other: _____

Other: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____
 (Other than parents/guardians)

List all other children in your household under the age of 18 years:

First Name	Birthdate	Relationship to Child Above	First Name	Birthdate	Relationship to Child Above

List all other adults living in the household:

Name

Relationship to Child (who is applying)

Do you get support from any of the following services? (Please check all that apply.)

- Social Security \$_____per month
- Child Support Payments \$_____per month
- Other _____ \$_____per month

*** Income Information is required.**
 You must include one month's worth of most recent check stubs, or 2020 tax return if self-employed. *see application cover page for details.

Is at least one parent or legal guardian of this child an active duty member of the military, or was a parent or legal guardian of this child seriously injured or killed while on active duty? Yes No (If yes please provide evidence)

Is your child currently enrolled in a preschool or childcare program? Yes No
 If yes, which one? _____ Is this program regulated? Yes No

If no, has your child ever been enrolled in a childcare program? Yes No

Does your child have a DSS voucher or other type of subsidy to assist with the cost of childcare? Yes No

Is English spoken in the home? No English Some English We speak fluent English

What language(s) are spoken in the home? _____

Has your child been referred for evaluation for or identified with any special developmental needs or disabilities?

- Yes No If yes date of referral: _____
- If yes: Does your child have an IEP or an IFSP? (if so-please attach copy) Yes No
- Is your child currently receiving any specialized services? Yes No
- If yes, then specify type of services: _____
- Do you have any concerns about your child's development? Yes No

Please explain: _____

Does your child have any chronic health problems? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____
(Submit documentation with application, ie. Note from physician)

Is there any other information you would like to share with us? _____

*** PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED***
Application must be signed & dated and all sections completed, to be accepted
My signature below is acknowledgement of the following:

- I am the legal parent/guardian of the child applicant.
- All of the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.
- I give permission for information regarding my child to be shared between Smart Start Rowan and the school my child may be assigned to and/or the local school system. I understand this information is necessary and will be used for the determination of data analysis, enrollment, eligibility and for educational purposes only.
- I acknowledge that the application must be signed & dated, all sections completed, and all required supporting documents must be received before my application will be processed & my child considered for placement

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Family Information and Responsibilities



Your child’s success in the NC Pre-K program depends on your active participation as well as your compliance with program guidelines. We have identified a few of the most important things below. Please read carefully and **initial** inside each box.

Initials

	I give permission for my child to receive developmental, hearing, vision, dental and/or speech screenings; and for the results of these screenings to be shared with Smart Start Rowan (SSR), the school where my child is assigned and the exceptional children’s department of the local school system for purposes of my child receiving needed services.
	I understand that if my child is selected for participation, family involvement is necessary and expected.
	My family will cooperate with the program to submit necessary documentation and forms as requested.
	I understand that transportation to and from the NC Pre-K program will be the family’s responsibility. However, some sites may provide a limited amount of transportation for a fee.
	I will inform my child’s assigned NC Pre-K program & SSR, if there is a change in our family’s address, phone number, or authorized parties that can pick-up my child.
	I understand that my child will need a current health and dental assessment as well as immunization records in order to participate in the program. It is my responsibility to submit these to my child’s assigned school before the deadline. The deadline is 30 days after school begins.
	I understand that my child may be placed on a waiting list, if all available slots are full.
	I understand that if my child has trouble adjusting, I will be asked to participate in parent conferences and actively work with SSR and my child’s assigned NC Pre-K program to develop a plan of action to address these concerns.
	I understand that if my child is not in attendance regularly, my child’s NC Pre-K slot will be awarded to another child.
	I understand that it is my responsibility to get my child to school on time and pick my child up promptly at dismissal time. I’m aware that I may be charged a late fee, if late pick-up becomes a pattern.
	I understand that if my child is accepted into the NC Pre-K program, I must accept placement before the deadline indicated on my child’s acceptance letter. If I do not accept placement my child will be placed on the waiting list, until another slot becomes available.

My signature below indicates my understanding of an agreement to comply with the items outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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