



Columbus County Partnership for Children , Inc.  
**Quality Enhancement Project**  
**Education Award**  
**FY 2022-2023 Summer/Fall Application**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child Care Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child Care Director/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date of Employment (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours Worked per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (ex. Lead Teacher, Teacher, Administrator, FCCH owner/operator): \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children you serve: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children in your classroom you serve: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major listed on your transcript: \_\_\_\_\_

How many semester hours have you completed toward your degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Summer 2022** Semester Credit Hour(s) with a grade "C" or higher:

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|---|----------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 semester hour  | \$50.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 semester hours   | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 semester hours | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 semester hours   | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 semester hours | \$150.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 + semester hours | \$300.00 |

**\*In addition to eligible course work completed if you receive a degree you may receive up to \$500.00.**

Number of **Fall 2022** Semester Credit Hour(s) with a grade "C" or higher:

- |   |          |   |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 semester hour  | \$50.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 semester hours   | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 semester hours | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 semester hours   | \$250.00 |
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My signature indicates that I have read the Fact Sheet and application carefully. To the best of my knowledge, everything on the application and official transcript is correct and accurate. By signing this application, I give Columbus County Partnership for Children permission to verify my enrollment status at the college(s) named above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**DUE DATE: January 13, 2023**

## FY 2022~2023 Education Award Fact Sheet

Receive \$50 per semester credit hour!  
(For up to \$300)

The Columbus County Partnership for Children Smart Start agency is now accepting applications for the Professional Development Education Award. This award is available for teachers, directors, and family child care providers who are:

- Working in a NCDCDEE licensed child care facility serving children ages birth to five in Columbus County.  
(Note: employees serving only school-age children are not eligible)

AND

- Currently enrolled in at least one class included in an Early Childhood Degree program. Applicants must have declared their major as Early Childhood Associate or Bachelor Degree (or closely related degree such as Education of Young Children, Birth – Kindergarten Education, or Child Development). Note: This means that you are not in the special credit, credential, certificate, or diploma program. If you are unsure of your status, please call your college's admissions office.

### Applicants must submit:

- A completed application.
- An official transcript indicating semester ECE coursework.

### Recipients may be required to:

- Maintain employment at the same facility throughout the semester.
- Remain enrolled in the Early Childhood Degree program throughout the semester.
- Provide a copy of recently awarded degree if applicable.

### Additional Information:

- Awards will only be provided for each approved course completed with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Checks will be issued after the semester has ended and all documentation has been received and approved.
- Interested participants must reapply each semester to be eligible. The number of recipients may vary each semester, depending on the amount of Smart Start funding available. All awards are contingent upon available funding.
- Please return your application packet via mail or drop off at 109 West Main Street Whiteville, NC 28472. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Newkirk at 910-499-4547.

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