

Champion For Young Children Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?

Fill out the application, including all necessary supporting documentation and return to:
Smart Start Rowan
Attn: Champion for Young Children Scholarship
1329 Jake Alexander Blvd. S.
Salisbury, NC 28146

Applications can be found by visiting www.rowan-smartstart.org or by contacting your childcare program's facility Administrator. If you need help completing the application or have questions, please contact Smart Start Rowan @ 704-630-9085.

Are all eligible applications approved?

Applications are processed on a first come, first approved basis. An applicant may be determined eligible; however, approval is based on available Scholarship funds.

How long will application processing take?

It may take up to 30 days to process your application, however most applications, if complete, are processed within 15 days. Both you and the child care program(s) will be notified if your application is approved.

Will I have to pay anything?

If your application is approved, funding will be based upon availability and the need as indicated on the Champion for Young Children Scholarship application. Many factors will be considered in determining the amount of Scholarship funds awarded. You may need to pay a portion of child care costs. This will be clearly outlined in your Scholarship award letter. Awards may be backdated, depending upon date of the family crisis. Scholarship awards will not exceed \$500 per family, however certain exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

How will Scholarship payments be made?

Scholarship payments will be sent directly to the child care facility where your child is enrolled. To be paid in full when the family is in arrears or on a monthly basis, until your award amount is paid in full.

Can my Scholarship be terminated?

Yes, your Scholarship award can be terminated immediately and without prior notice, if your child withdraws from the child care facility. Additionally, if you fail to pay your portion of the child care fee, if any as indicated in the award letter, your Scholarship award may be terminated.