



ROUND 1 Education Bonus
Fact Sheet for Child Care Centers

Eligibility Criteria:

- Individual must be working in a NC Star-Rated child care program that serves children birth to five years of age and must be employed at site during the entire ROUND 1 period: July 1, 2021 through December 30, 2021.
- Classes must be part of an early childhood degree program (undergraduate or graduate level) at an accredited university or college.
- Individual must complete the course with an earned grade of “C” or higher as noted on a transcript or grade report.

The ROUND 1 application is due to Smart Start of Brunswick County (SSBC) **by 5pm on Thursday, December 30, 2021** along with the required documentation below.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted after the due date.

SSBC will accept mailed, hand-delivered, or scanned and emailed documents.

ROUND 1 Checklist:

- ROUND 1 signed application
- Completed and signed W9 form
- Director’s Statement
- Copy of the transcript or grade report containing college or university’s emblem/seal.

Special notes: *Funding for the Education Bonuses is contingent upon state funding. The site must remain open and operating for staff to remain eligible for the bonus. A temporary closing of classrooms and/or the center (no more than 2 consecutive weeks) due to COVID quarantining is allowable.*