

Rockingham County Partnership for Children



Gwyn Early Childhood Education Scholarship

The Gwyn Early Childhood Education Scholarship is offered by the Rockingham County Partnership for Children through the generosity of the Jule and Trish Gwyn Family. The scholarship will provide support to an early childhood educator, currently working in a Rockingham County Early Childhood facility, who is pursuing their education in early childhood (Associates, Bachelors or Masters Degree).

Jule and Trish Gwyn both dedicated countless hours of their time to the Rockingham County Partnership for Children. They believed that the best way to ensure the future of Rockingham County and this country was by helping all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

The Rockingham County Partnership for Children's Gwyn Early Childhood Education Endowment provides funding for this scholarship.

For Fall 2018, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing their Associates Degree, with priority given to students attending Rockingham Community College, and a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing their Bachelors or Masters Degree. Degrees must be in early childhood education from an accredited institution.

To be considered for the scholarship, the following guidelines must be met:

- Applicant must be a resident of Rockingham County and be currently employed, working a minimum of 10 hours/week, at a regulated early childhood facility in Rockingham County. Applicant must work with children from birth to 5 years old.
- Applicant must enroll in either an accredited Associates, Bachelors or Masters Degree program in early childhood education.
- Applicant must return a completed application to the Rockingham County Partnership for Children by the published deadline along with the following documentation:
 - Recent timesheet or check stub (to document hours worked/week).
 - Documentation that you are enrolled in a degree program & have declared your major as early childhood education, child development or birth-kindergarten licensure (i.e: transcript, acceptance letter, etc).

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Gwyn Early Childhood Education Endowment Trustees. Scholarship applicants may be invited in for an interview as part of the scholarship application process.

Scholarship payments will be made directly to the college/university where scholarship recipient is enrolled.



FALL 2018 Gwyn Early Childhood Education Scholarship Application

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- Applicant must return completed application, recent timesheet or paycheck stub and documentation that they are enrolled in a degree program and have declared early childhood education as their major (ie: transcript, acceptance letter, etc.). no later than **5pm on Friday, April 27, 2018**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2018 for the fall semester.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current Employer: _____

Position: _____ Hours Worked/Week: _____

(As director of _____, I verify that the above individual is currently employed a minimum of 10 hours/week working primarily with children ages birth-5.

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____)

I am currently enrolled at _____ (college/university) toward a degree in _____ (field of study).

Application Questions

Please respond to the following questions. Answers to the following questions should be typed, no more than a total of two pages in length and attached to this application at time of submission.

1. What led you to study early childhood education?
2. Provide an example of an experience (from the classroom or personally) that highlights your passion for early childhood education?
3. How does a degree in early childhood education fit into your long term goals? Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
4. How will this scholarship assist you in your efforts to earn a degree in early childhood education?

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications should be returned to: RCPC, P.O. Box 325 Wentworth, NC 27375 (by mail) or RCPC, 7572 NC Hwy 87 Reidsville, NC 27320 (in person)