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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Harnett County NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program. NC Pre-K is a free preschool program designed to help prepare four-year-old children for kindergarten through a creative curriculum-based learning environment.

Please complete the attached application in its entirety. Please provide the following required supporting documents at the time of your application submission:

- Birth Certificate** - Child must be four years of age on or before August 31st of the program year. Children who are age-eligible for kindergarten cannot be served with NC Pre-K funds.
- Proof of Residence** - Copy of rental agreement or utility/water bill in applicant's name
- Proof of Regular Gross Income** – Copies of recent pay stubs for **one month** for each working parent. If unemployed, please provide copies of proof of services received (i.e. SSI, Food Stamps, Unemployment, Medicaid, or Housing).
- [if applicable] Proof of Active Duty Military or Disabled Veteran Status**– Copy of 1 current LES or VA Benefit Award Letter

Please submit the following required documents to your child's Pre-K teacher at orientation or on your child's first date of attendance. Failure to do so will result in your child's disenrollment from NC Pre-K.

- Updated Vaccination Record**
- Health Assessment - including hearing, vision, & dental screenings**
(use **Children's Medical Report** form, must be completed within the last **12 months**, signed and dated by your child's physician)

Completed applications can be submitted to our office by:

- Online submission** at www.harnettsmartstart.org
 - US Mail** to 170 Pine State Street Lillington, NC 27546
 - Hand deliver** in person to our office at 170 Pine State Street Lillington
- * Incomplete applications will not be processed.***

Placement in NC Pre-K follows state guidance rather than a *first come, first served* basis. Priority is based on a family's income and size. Complete applications will be processed to determine eligibility.

- **Applicants will receive email notification regarding application status by July 15, 2026** once the first round of placements has been completed.
- **Site Preferences** are taken into consideration; however, we cannot guarantee your child will be assigned to your first site choice.
- **NC Pre K will begin** staggered entry the week of **August 17th** and follow Harnett County Schools Calendar.
- **Applications received after May 30, 2026** will be considered in the second round of placements.

If you have any questions, please email our NC Pre-K team directly at ncprek@harnettsmartstart.org. We look forward to working with you!

The NC Pre-K Staff
Harnett County Partnership for Children

The mission of the Harnett County Partnership for Children is to improve the quality of life for young children and families in Harnett County through community-based programs focusing on health, education, and family support.