

MADISON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, INC.
Smart REWARDS APPLICATION: JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Education Level already attained (check **ALL** that apply):

____ High School Diploma/GED

____ Early Childhood Education:

____ AA Degree in ECE

____ BA/BS in ECE

____ MA/MS in ECE

____ Ph.D. in ECE

____ Other Fields (Specify field of study):

____ AA Degree _____

____ BA/BS _____

____ MA/MS _____

____ Ph.D. _____

Other Early Childhood Certificates or Credentials already attained (check **ALL** that apply):

____ NC Credential ____ Administrative Credential Level I ____ Level II ____ Level III

____ Early Childhood Certificate ____ Infant/Toddler Certificate ____ EC Special Education Certificate

Required Attachments to this application form:

- **ALL applicants:**

A Professional Development Plan (form provided in this application packet)

Applicant:

By signing below, I verify that all information I provided is accurate. I understand that Madison County Partnership for Children and Families (Smart Start) will report any professional development supplement I receive, in excess of \$600, to the Internal Revenue Service. I understand that The Partnership may use my name and application information for research/evaluation purposes. I agree to notify The Partnership of any changes in my employment status.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Employer:

I certify that _____ (name of employee) is currently employed by
_____ (name of program) and that he/she works in a classroom
directly with children ages birth to five at least 15 hours per week.

Authorized Signature/Title: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Program: _____ License # _____

Return this application and the Professional Development Plan to: whitney@madisonss.org or mail to:

Smart REWARDS Coordinator

Madison County Smart Start

PO Box 1657

Mars Hill, NC 28754



Smart REWARDS
Supplement Amounts
For Enrollment Period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Qualification	Amount of Supplement
NC Early Childhood Credential (NCECC) (Earned with EDU 119)	\$50
Administrative Credential	\$50
Early Childhood Certificate; Infant / Toddler Certificate; BK License	\$100
AA Degree in Early Childhood or approved related field	\$250
EDU College Course with a C or better	\$350
BA/BS in Early Childhood or approved related field	\$500

***Milestones submitted during the enrollment period are only paid once**



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REWARDS**

Smart REWARDS is a professional development project for Madison County child care providers. It provides a financial supplement for child care staff who complete college level courses in early childhood education or who achieve an early childhood education milestone during the current enrollment period.

Who Is Eligible?

- ❖ Any child care provider who is employed in a licensed child care program in Madison County, AND
- ❖ Works at least 15 hours in a classroom with children ages Birth – Five, or is a center director or assistant director in a program serving children ages Birth – Five, AND
- ❖ Completes an approved early childhood college class with a grade of C or better, AND/OR
- ❖ Achieves an early childhood credential, early childhood certificate or early childhood college degree during the current enrollment period.

Deadlines:

- Summer & Fall Grades: January 15, 2027
- Spring Grades: June 14, 2026

CONTACT US NOW! YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!

For more information and additional eligibility requirements,
contact Professional Development Coordinator: Penny Briggs
(828) 689-1529

Or

Penny@madisonss.org

