

GTCC North Carolina Child Care Grant 2019-2020

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for the GTCC North Carolina Child Care Grant?

You must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year and qualify for financial aid before submitting a Child Care Grant Application to the GTCC Financial Aid office. After submitting the FAFSA, you will submit the General Application for Foundation Scholarships found on scholarships.gtcc.edu. The General Application is available on January 1st each year. The Child Care Grant application will be available on August 1st, under [Recommended Opportunities](#). The Child Care Application will be available for a limited time prior to the beginning of Fall Semester. Students must complete a new Child Care Grant Application for each school year. We no longer accept paper applications.

Child Care Grant Application Procedure

To apply for the GTCC NC Child Care Grant, a student must complete the following:

- Admissions process for a curriculum program at GTCC
- FAFSA Application with GTCC
- FAFSA verification with the GTCC Financial Aid office
- [General Application for Foundation Scholarships](#), available on January 1st – must select “yes” to dependents question. Priority Deadline: May 1st, 2019
- Child Care Grant Application, available on August 1st at 12:01 AM under [Opportunities](#). Deadline: August 8th, 2019

How will I be notified that I have been awarded the Child Care Grant?

If you are awarded the Grant, the Grant administrative assistant will contact you by telephone or e-mail. Filling out the Grant application does not automatically award the Grant.

If I am awarded the Child Care Grant, when will I be notified?

Funds for the Child Care Grant are received after the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor pass the annual budget. GTCC is often not notified until mid-September that Grant funds will be provided. **Don't depend on receiving the Grant to attend school. Have a backup plan.**

What is the criteria for receiving the Child Care Grant?

Student Eligibility

- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Minimum Completion Rate of 67%
- Must be currently enrolled in a curriculum program that requires at least 16 credit hours to complete.
- Must be registered for at least 6 credit hours on campus.
- Must be the legal parent or guardian of the child
- Must be a legal NC resident
- Must not be receiving/ participating in DSS, NC Pre-K, or Head Start
- Must be able and agree to pay directly to the child care provider \$50 per child, per month, which is the student's responsibility.
- Must be able and agree to pay any expenses not covered by the available child care grant funding. The exact amount of maximum funding will be determined once the State notifies GTCC of their total allotment.
- The grant will not be awarded until the student has provided a current rate sheet from the child care facility, (i.e., daily, weekly, monthly amounts charged for children of different ages, after-school care, etc.) The rate

sheet is to be given to the grant administrative assistant for review after the student is notified of their eligibility.

Child Eligibility

- **The Grant is only awarded for children through 5 years of age.** Birth certificate(s) may be requested.

Child Care Provider Eligibility

- The child care provider must be NC State licensed.
- The child care provider must agree to the terms of the Grant contract.
- The child care provider must be able to provide the student with a pricing estimate for services.

How many students receive the Child Care Grant?

During the 2017-18 school year we received 111 applications and 8 students were awarded.

What is the Child Care Grant application review and award process?

In making selections, priority will be given to:

- Full-time students with on-campus classes
- Students with the greatest financial need
- Students with the earliest Child Care Grant Application submission date and time

If awarded, how much will the Grant pay?

The Grant pays a maximum amount to be determined by available funding, directly to the child care provider. The student must pay \$50 per month, per child, directly to the child care provider. The student is also responsible for any charges above and beyond the maximum Grant funds. The Grant does not pay child care center registration fees, if any.

Can I take my child/ren to any child care center?

No. The child care center must be state licensed.

What if I know that I am eligible but I did not receive a telephone call or an e-mail notifying me of the award?

Make sure that all of your information in your Applicant Record is correct and current. If your telephone number or email address, or other information changes, be sure to update your Applicant Record. We will notify all applicants once selections are made, the timing of which will depend on when we receive funding from the state.

If I do not receive the Grant for Fall Semester, is it possible that I will get it for the spring Semester?

Yes, if any of the students receiving Grant funds do not fulfill their Grant obligations, they are dropped from the Grant and other students' applications are considered.

If I didn't receive the Grant for Fall Semester, do I have to reapply for Spring Semester?

No, another application is not required to be considered for the Grant for Spring Semester of the same school year.

Do I need to reapply for the Grant every year?

Yes, all students, including those who have been awarded the Grant and students who have previously applied but were not awarded, need to submit a FAFSA and General Application each year and a new Child Care Grant Application each August, to be considered for the Grant.

Does the Grant pay for Summer Semester child care?

Usually it covers only Fall and Spring Semesters. The Child Care Grant Budget Year End is June 30.

If I receive the Child Care Grant, am I eligible to continue with it throughout my program of study?

If awarded the Grant, you continue to be eligible if you meet the criteria and re-apply for financial aid (FAFSA) each year by the applicable deadline. A new Foundation Scholarship General Application and Child Care Grant Application must also be submitted for each new school year.

Does the Grant pay for child care expenses incurred during GTCC holidays and breaks?

The Grant will continue to pay child care expenses for awarded students during college holidays, Fall and Spring Semester breaks, and the break between Fall and Spring Semesters if the student remains enrolled in classes immediately before and after the break.

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