

GTCC North Carolina Child Care Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

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

You must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year and qualify for financial aid before submitting a Child Care Scholarship Application to the GTCC Financial Aid office. After submitting the FAFSA, you will submit the General Application for Foundation Scholarships found on gtcc.academicworks.com/. The General Application is available on Jan. 1 each year. The Child Care Scholarship application will be available early August, 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 Scholarship Application for each school year. We no longer accept paper applications.

Child Care Scholarship Application Procedure

To apply for the GTCC NC Child Care Scholarship, 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: March 15th
- Child Care Grant Application, available early August under [Opportunities](#).

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

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

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

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

What is the criteria for receiving the Child Care Scholarship?

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.
- 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 scholarship funding. The exact amount of maximum funding will be determined once the State notifies GTCC of their total allotment.
- The scholarship 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 scholarship advisor for review after the student is notified of their eligibility.

Child Eligibility

- **The Scholarship 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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship?

During the 2020-21 school year we received 70 applications and 8 students were awarded.

What is the Child Care Scholarship 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 Scholarship Application submission date and time

If awarded, how much will the Scholarship pay?

The Scholarship 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 Scholarship funds. The Scholarship 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 Scholarship for Fall Semester, is it possible that I will get it for the spring Semester?

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

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

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

Do I need to reapply for the Scholarship every year?

Yes, all students, including those who have been awarded the Scholarship 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 Scholarship Application each August, to be considered for the scholarship.

Does the Scholarship pay for Summer Semester child care?

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

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

If awarded the Scholarship, 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 Scholarship Application must also be submitted for each new school year.

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

The Scholarship 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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