FEELC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thanks to the generosity of the Philpot family and our community, the FEELC Scholarship Program is available to assist qualified families at the Center. The FEELC Parent Board will review applications and award scholarships to the two families who show the most financial need among the pool of applicants each year. Because qualification is relative to the financial need of the pool of applicants in a given year, families that do not receive the Scholarship one year are encouraged to apply in succeeding years.

The **FEELC scholarship is awarded between September 1st through August 31st of each school year.** FEELC provides **two (2) tuition assistance scholarships per year**. These scholarships will provide two families with **$50 per tuition draft to be used towards payment of their FEELC tuition (for a total of $1,300 per year)**. Scholarship applications are reviewed and processed confidentially by the FEELC Parent Board, who will base their decision upon 1) family enrollment eligibility and 2) families with the greatest financial need.

Note that while all requests will be fully considered, we are only able to offer two scholarships for the school year at this time. However, we anticipate that as the scholarship fund grows through future donations and fundraising efforts, this will allow the Center to potentially provide additional scholarships in the future.

The FEELC Parent Board will use the following eligibility requirements and application process to award the scholarships.

About the FEELC Scholarship Program

In 2010, First Environments Early Learning Center (FEELC) received a substantial donation from the Philpot family to start a scholarship fund. In the following years, many families have contributed by donating their enrollment deposits towards the scholarship fund when leaving FEELC. Proceeds from various fundraising events have also helped the scholarship fund to grow. We are forever grateful to the Philpot family and our wonderful FEELC community as this FEELC Scholarship Program is possible because of supporters like you. Thank you!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a FEELC scholarship:

1. Each family must be enrolled at FEELC full-time or have accepted a full-time placement at FEELC for the current school year (September 1st through August 31st).

2. To receive the scholarship, each family must NOT be currently receiving any child care tuition assistance from NIH, EPA, or the State of North Carolina.
   a. If a family currently receiving FEELC scholarship funds becomes eligible for receiving tuition assistance from NIH, EPA, or the State of North Carolina, the family must notify FEELC immediately so that the remaining scholarship funds for the school year can be awarded to the next eligible family (with demonstrated financial need) who applied with a complete application during the most recent scholarship award review cycle.

3. Each family must complete and sign the application and provide relevant supporting documentation each year for consideration.

Click here for info on the NIH Child Care Subsidy program.
Click here for info on the EPA Child Care Tuition Assistance program.
Click here for info on the NC Division of Child Development - Child Care Financial Assistance program.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must complete and submit the attached application form and required supporting documentation to the FEELC Director **by August 9, 2019**. Incomplete scholarship applications or those submitted after the due date will NOT be considered.

The Parent Board will notify all applicants of their decision **by August 23, 2019**.

Applicants must agree to the method for scholarship payments as outlined below.

Signing the application form indicates an understanding and acceptance of the eligibility requirements as well as the scholarship payment method as stated in this program information document.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT METHOD

Recipients will be charged a bi-weekly tuition rate that is reduced by the scholarship award amount for one school year (i.e., the recipient's bi-weekly tuition rate will be decreased by $50.00 for one year).

First Environments Early Learning Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and other school-administered programs.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Full Name of Parent/Guardian #1	Relationship to child(ren)
Address (Street, Apt #, PO Box)	City, State, ZIP Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Email
Occupation	Place of Employment
How long have you worked there?	

Full Name of Parent/Guardian #2)	Relationship to child(ren)
Address (Street, Apt #, PO Box)	City, State, ZIP Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Email
Occupation	Place of Employment
How long have you worked there?	

1. Your family is: ☐ Currently enrolled full-time at FEELC
   ☐ A New Family with a placement starting: (Provide Date) _____

2. Child(ren)'s Name:_____ Birth Date(s):_____

3. With whom does the child(ren) live? (Please check one)
   ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both parents ☐ Guardian ☐ Other (name): _____

4. Who has legal custody of the child(ren)? (Attach supporting documents if there has been a legal custody decision.) _____

5. Number of children currently enrolled at FEELC: _____

6. Normal bi-weekly tuition amount: $_____

7. Is either parent/guardian a part- or full-time student? No _____ Yes _____
   If "Yes," describe your student status (full vs. part-time, # of credit hours, etc.):

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This information is used solely to determine scholarship eligibility and will remain confidential.

Please list other children and/or adults living in the enrolled child(ren)'s home.

Name	Age	Relationship to Enrolled Child(ren)

Are the other adults contributing to household income? _____

If yes, please explain. _____

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Please explain any special financial circumstances affecting the family's budget.

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Supporting Documentation: Please attach copies of the following documentation to support your application. Scholarship requests cannot be considered without these supporting documents. They will be used solely to determine eligibility. The information will be kept secure and documents will be shredded after the scholarships have been awarded.

1) Copy of the most recent income tax return forms for ALL family members contributing to the household income. If you did not file a US income tax return last year, please speak to the Director to determine what documents you need to submit.

2) Copy of the most recent pay check stub for ALL family members contributing to the household income.

Certification: I hereby certify that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. My signature indicates an understanding and acceptance of the eligibility requirements as well as the scholarship payment method as described in the provided FEELC Scholarship Program Information document.

Applicant #1 Printed Name: _____

Applicant #1 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant #2 Printed Name: _____

Applicant #2 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____