

Demographics/Eligibility	
How old must my child be to attend NC Pre-K?	For 2021-2022, the child must turn four by August 31, 2021. Birthday must fall between September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017. For 2022-2023, the child must turn four by August 31, 2022. Birthday must fall between September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018.
When can they start applying for the next year?	January
Is it too late to submit an application for this year?	No. We accept applications all year. We place children in sites that have openings until April.
Do I have to live in Guilford County to apply here?	Yes, you must live in Guilford County. If you move but remain in Guilford County, you will need to update your address on your application. If you live or move outside of Guilford County, you will need to apply in that county as all counties have NC Pre-K funding.
If my child speaks and understands a little English, what should I check on the application?	Check “no” if they only speak a little English.
Why do you need sibling ages?	The number of siblings determines “family size” and is related to eligibility.
Completing the Application	
May I change my choices after my application is complete?	Yes, you may call us at (336) 274-5437 or email lorenar@guilfordchildren.org or savannahk@guilfordchildren.org
Which documents must be submitted with every application?	Proof of Birth, Proof of Address, and Proof of Income
Do I submit original documents or copies?	Submit copies of any supporting documents. Do not submit original documents with the application.
What do I submit for proof of birth?	Birth Certificate OR Medical Records OR Immunization Records
What do I submit for proof of address?	Copy of Current Utility Bill OR Rental Agreement If you are staying with someone temporarily, the owner will need to write a letter and attach it to the utility bill.
What do I submit for proof of income?	For 2021-2022, please submit a copy of your 2020 taxes or your 2020 W-2 or your most recent, consecutive pay stubs. For 2022-2023, please submit a copy of your 2021 taxes or 2021 W-2 or your most recent, consecutive pay stubs.
What if I have no income?	A “ no income ” form must be completed.
How many paystubs do I need to submit?	If you are paid weekly, submit 4 paystubs. If you are paid bi-weekly, submit 2 paystubs. If you are paid monthly, submit 1 paystub. If you are paid in cash, submit a letter from your employer.
If my family is over income, do I still use this application?	Yes, you use the same application. We will send your application to GCS for consideration for Title I funds. There is a family size and income chart on our website.
Additional Income if Applicable	Court-ordered child support, unemployment benefits, worker’s compensation, SSI, or SSA.

Additional Documentation	
Military/Disabled Veteran	If you have/had a parent in the military, either parent can submit the documents, but the “Leave and earnings statement” will need to be submitted, too.
How do I prove Military Status?	Submit a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement or a copy of your Military ID.
What documents should I submit if my child has a chronic health condition?	You will need to submit a doctor’s verification of the chronic health issue. It can be a well-child check-up document with the diagnosis. It must state that the condition is chronic.
What documents should I submit if my child has developmental or educational needs?	You will need to submit a current copy of the IEP goals. If you have a GCS IEP, we can obtain a copy for you. If the child receives services from a private agency, we will need a plan of care (goals).
Receiving Documentation	
How can I submit supporting documents?	Email the images of the supporting documents with the child’s name and DOB as the subject line.
	You may bring the originals to the office for us to copy.
	Copies can go into the mail slot in a folder with the name and date of birth of the child.
	Copies can be mailed directly to our building.
	We only allow faxes for supporting documents.
Guardianship	
Do you need proof of child support?	Child support documentation is required IF it is court ordered. If court ordered, please submit a copy of the court order or the “notice of payment to custodial parent.” If the parent does not have the notice, we will accept a screenshot of the deposit into the card.
50/50 Custody	Whichever parent is submitting the application must submit the documents. No additional documents are required for 50/50 custody.
Legal Guardian	If you are a legal guardian, you may submit the required documents for the application as well as the court orders that show legal guardianship.
Guardian	If a guardian (friend or relative) is taking care of the child but does not have legal guardianship, they can submit the documents, but they must complete a “ kinship form. ”
Foster Care	If the child is in foster care, the person completing the application will need to submit a copy of the letter provided by the Division of Health and Human Services that states the child is in their care. They will not have to provide any income documentation, and they should list the number of biological siblings in the household for family size.

What Happens Next?	
If my family is over income, do I still use this application?	Yes, you use the same application. We will send your application to GCS for consideration for Title I funds. There is a family size and income chart on our website. www.guilfordchildren.org
What happens after my application is complete?	If you have any GCS choices, you will receive an email from gcs-prek@gcsnc.com to complete the online Ages and Stages in about four to six weeks after your application is completed.
When will I know if my child got into NC Pre-K?	If you have a GCS first choice, it will be July. If you have a private or GCD choice, it will be May.
COVID Related Questions	
What happens if my child tests positive for COVID?	If a child tests positive and is not vaccinated, they will be quarantined for approximately 14 days and will be provided with remote learning. If a child tests positive and is vaccinated, they will be quarantined for approximately 5 days and will be provided with remote learning.
What happens if multiple children in the same classroom test positive for COVID?	If a cluster of 5 or more children test positive, the whole class will be quarantined and move to remote learning for the allotted 2-week quarantine.
What are the schools doing to protect against the spread of COVID?	All schools are following CDC guidelines.
Will there be a remote learning option?	Schools are not offering virtual learning until the state notifies the school that virtual learning will be an option.