





Childcare at UNC

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Childcare Scholarship Program

- Administered by Childcare Service (non-profit)
- Max of 1 child covered per family
- Average amount awarded: \$691
- Parent MUST contribute 10% of cost of care
- Program is NOT publicized
- 10 students currently receiving funds
- Wait list ranges from 26-81 students (over two year period October 2006-2008)

Scholarship Recipient Testimonial:

"I just feel more reassured now with this scholarship, and with the care my daughter is receiving. I am at ease knowing that she in the best kind of facility, instead of wondering what kind of care she has, or if someone can even watch her at all. Now I am sure of how she is doing, and that she'll be well taken care of... she *is* well taken care of." She reiterated, "[the UNC Child Care Scholarship] has helped me tremendously." **Undergraduate mother of 1**

Scholarship Recipient Testimonial:

"I am a divorced, **single mother of three children in the advanced-standing MSW program**. My two older children (6 and 8) are in school, but my younger son (4) needed daycare. Prior to my getting the scholarship, I was paying over \$900 a month at a 1-star facility in a really bad neighborhood. At the end of the second month of paying for his daycare, I was out of money for my rent, and I thought I would have to drop out. After getting his scholarship, I now have enough money to put him in a much nicer 5-star facility closer to where we live. If it were not for the scholarship, I would not have been able to graduate this coming May. I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity."

The Wait List

- Wait list ranges from 26-81 students (over two year period October 2006-2008)
- The average yearly income of student families on the waiting list is\$33,739.
- 31% are single parents
- 90% are children age birth through five.

Wait Listed Parent Testimonial:

"I would like to share that I am a **single-parent graduate student** on the waiting list for the child care scholarship. Words alone can not express how much these scholarships mean to parents like me. At

more than \$200 a week, my daughter's childcare in Chapel Hill cost more than my rent. I understand the financial burdens of today, however, I would ask that those voting try to understand the situation of students like myself who struggle to stay afloat while studying and praying to be next on the scholarship list. "

Alternatives:

If a student does NOT receive a scholarship from UNC the options for assistance are:

- 1. Department of Social Services
- 2. United Way funds
- 3. Private Donors

Most students use Informal Care—quality cannot be gauged and is the most unreliable option.