



S.T.A.R.S. Application Instructions

If you are interested in enrolling in the STARS Program or would like additional information about the program, please complete this preliminary application. If you need assistance filling it out please come to the office and ask if a STARS Counselor is available, or call to schedule an appointment (recommended) with a STARS Counselor at any of the following locations:

- Call the Johnston County office and ask to speak to a STARS Counselor at 919.934.2145, mail the application to PO Drawer 711, Smithfield, NC 27577 or visit the office at 1102 Massey Street in Smithfield.
- Call the Lee County office and ask to speak to a STARS Counselor at 919.776-0746, mail the application to PO Box 1061, Sanford, NC 27330 or visit the office at 225 S. Steele Street in Sanford.
- Call the Harnett County office and ask to speak to a STARS Counselor at 910.814.8360, mail the application to PO Box 40, Lillington, NC 27546 or visit the office at 745 Shawtown Road Suite A in Lillington.

After the preliminary application has been received, you will receive a confirmation letter/email or phone call which will include the date, counselors' name and the time of your interview. You will not receive a follow-up letter; therefore you will need to place the letter in an eye-catching place. If you fail to keep this appointment or to reschedule (if this time is not convenient), we will assume that you are no longer interested in enrolling in the STARS Program. In order to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements and to speed up the process, you will **need** to bring the following items to the interview:

- **Picture ID**
- **Social Security Cards for everyone in the home**
- **Proof of income for the last 90 days of everyone in the home related by blood, marriage or adoption.**

After the interview has been completed, you will be notified in writing within 5 business days of your status. If for some reason, you have not heard from a STARS Counselor within that time frame, please call the office and ask for the STARS Senior Counselor or the CSBG Director.

The STARS Program is a self-sufficiency program designed to help low-income residents in Johnston, Lee and Harnett County identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented them from becoming independent. STARS areas of concentration include: Employment, Education, Housing, Financial Literacy (budgeting) and goal-setting. If you are interested in making a positive change in your life, the lives of your family and your community.....contact us today.



Date _____

Community Services Block Grant S.T.A.R.S. 2015-16 Application

The Objective of the S.T.A.R.S. Program is to provide comprehensive services designed to help remove low- income (below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (see below) households from poverty using a comprehensive case management approach. The program will develop and provide supportive services to low-income people that eliminate barriers to self-sufficiency. It will also locate and network with employers, community colleges and other resources that can assist the agency in its pursuit to help implement self-improvement behavior. Success can only take place if you work toward setting and reaching your goals which include staying in contact with your STARS Counselor on a regular basis and following a plan of action.

Applicant Name: _____
Last
First
Middle
Maiden Name (if applicable)

Street Address _____
Street Name
Apt. # /Lot#

City
State
Zip-code

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Contact Information: _____ is texting ok? Yes ___ No ___
Phone Number (best #)
Cell Phone Number

Other ways to contact you: _____

What are your goals for the future and how can we help you reach them? Check all apply)

Education ___ Employment ___ Affordable Housing ___ Goal Setting ___ Financial Literacy (budgeting) ___

2015 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 contiguous states & the District Of Columbia	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.	
1	\$11,770
2	15,930
3	20,090
4	24,250
5	28,410
6	32,570
7	36,730
8	40,890

Remember: "Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there"