



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. You can fax the completed application to the county office in which you live. If you need assistance filling it out please come to the office and ask for a STARS Counselor, 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, fax it to 919-934-6231, 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, fax it to 919-774-1867, 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, fax it to 910-814-8362, 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:

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

After the interview has been completed, you will be notified in writing within 3 business days of your status. If 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.