

Application for Texas Rising Star Recognition

Texas Rising Star Recognition is voluntary and recognizes enrolled child care and early learning programs that exceed minimum Child Care Regulation (CCR) standards and meet certain additional criteria. All programs that have agreements with a Board's child care contractor are eligible to apply for assessment and recognition.

Initial Application

Recertification Application

Facility Name:

Child Care Regulation #:

Site Address:

Facility Phone:

Contact Phone:

Owner:

Director:

TYPE OF FACILITY

- Licensed Child Care Center (all ages) Licensed Child Care Home
 Registered Child Care Home Licensed Center (school-age only)

AGE GROUPS SERVED

- Infants (0–17 months) Toddlers (18–35 months)
 Preschool (3–5 years) School-age (5–12 years)

TYPE OF NATIONAL ACCREDITATION (if applicable)

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
 National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC)
 National Accreditation Commission for Early Child Care and Education Program (NAC)
 National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)
 Council on Accreditation (COA)
 Cognia (previously AdvancEd) Quality Early Learning System (QELS)
 Early Head Start/Head Start (with wraparound services)
 Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

FACILITY INFORMATION

Total Classrooms Open: _____

Total Classrooms Closed: _____

Preferred Total Enrollment: _____

Current Total Enrollment: _____

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Facility Assessment Record Form Self-Assessment (includes completed staff worksheet)
 Classroom Roster Document (to include classroom name, staff names, and specified age group for each operating classroom)
 Documentation of National Accreditation (if applicable)
 Documentation of completion of Texas Rising Star Orientation (n/a for recertification)
 Continuous Quality Improvement Plan

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant meets requirements (1) through (5) below? Yes No
 - If no, explain: _____
- Initial Applicant complies with Texas Rising Star Screening form? Yes No
 - If no, explain: _____
- Renewal Applicant complies with Texas Rising Star Screening form? Yes No
 - If no, explain: _____

The Texas Rising Star Certification Guidelines (Guidelines) contain prerequisites that must be met in order for an early learning program to be assessed. The child care and early learning program’s signature below is assurance that these requirements are fully met, and the assessment/recognition process may be initiated. All early learning programs, except those governed by the US Department of Defense, receive an initial and recertification assessment. See the National Accreditation section of the Guidelines for information specific to these early learning programs.

A program is eligible to apply for Texas Rising Star certification if the early learning program has a current agreement to serve children eligible for Commission-funded Child Care Services:

- (1) has a permanent (non-expiring) license or registration from CCR;
- (2) has at least 12 months of licensing history with CCR; and is not on:
 - corrective action with a Board pursuant to Subchapter F of TWC Chapter 809 Child Care Services rules;
 - a Notice of Freeze with the Commission pursuant to Chapter 213 of the Texas Labor Code (Enforcement of Texas Unemployment Compensation Act) or Chapter 61 of the Texas Labor Code (Payment of Wages); or
 - corrective or adverse action with CCR.
- (3) has at minimum created a center director account within the Texas Workforce Registry; and
- (4) has completed a Texas Rising Star program orientation; or
- (5) is regulated by and in good standing with the US military.

A program is also subject to CCR requirements as outlined in the Guidelines and the Texas Rising Star Screening forms. The program must complete the Texas Rising Star Screening Form as an attestation of eligibility.

By signing below, I attest that I understand and meet the eligibility and application requirements of TWC § 809.131 of the Child Care Services rules listed above.

I understand and agree to abide by the responsibilities and requirements set forth by TWC Chapter 809, Subchapter G of the Child Care Services rules and the Guidelines and that my Texas Rising Star certification may be impacted if I or my child care facility:

- *is on corrective or adverse action with CCR, the Local Workforce Development Board, and/or TWC;*
- *has substantial or critical high-risk licensing deficiencies as described in Section 2 of the Guidelines;*
- *fails to comply with annual unannounced monitoring visits; or*
- *fails to communicate any changes in my facility (owner, director, staff/location) in a timely manner to my local Board, as applicable.*

Name/Title of person authorized to apply for facility:

Signature:

Date:

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Date application received:		Documentation returned:	
All documentation:		Requirements verified:	
TRS Mentor assigned:		TRS Assessor assigned:	
Assessment date:		Engage data entry date:	
Notes/Comments:			