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Initial Application Check List

Yes or No	Item Number	Item	Source
	1.	Application for INSTITUTIONAL approval to participate in SARA. Must be signed by the President/CEO or Chief Academic Officer	Institution_Application 07.01.26.pdf (nc-sara.org)
	2.	Signed MOU between ACHE and the Institution	https://ache.edu/wp-content/Sara/Initial-MOU.pdf
	3.	Documentation Concerning Accreditation Status	Documentation concerning your institution's accreditation status. If you are accredited by SACSCOC, a copy of your institution's information from their webpage at: http://www.sacscoc.org will suffice. Click on the picture of Alabama.
	4.	Non-Public Institutions Only – Latest Available Federal Financial Responsibility Composite Score. See Item 3 on the NC-SARA Application	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/data-center/school/composite-scores
	5.	State Participation Fee	See MOU for Amount. Checks should be payable to: State of Alabama (ACHE-ASPA) . If your institution requires an invoice and/or a W-9, please contact Ron Leonard at ron.leonard@ache.edu .

Renewal Application Check List

Yes or No	Item Number	Item	Source
	1.	Application for INSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL to participate in SARA. Must be signed by the President/CEO or Chief Academic Officer	Institution_Application 07.01.26.pdf (nc-sara.org)
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Important Note: After your institution is approved by ACHE acting as the State Portal Agency, you will be emailed an invoice from NC-SARA's national headquarters for the fee to be paid directly to them. Do not send them your fee until you get the email from them.

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