



2023 Application Update Guide for Independent Centers

The deadline for Application Update for 2023 is September 30th, 2022.

This guide was created for Independent Centers to follow to ensure all required forms have been completed and submitted into the correct section of the NC CARES Application Packet.

Application Update Documents must be submitted electronically: www.nccares.com

Forms for Application Update Fiscal Year 2023 can be found: <http://www.nutritionnc.com/snp/forms.htm>

This guide is for Institution use only and does not need to be submitted.

NC CARES Application Packet		
Section	Directions/Notes for each section	
Institution Application	Review the information in the Institution Application. Enter any changes or corrections. Click on the certification statement to acknowledge everything is true and up to date.	
Facility Application	A green approval checkmark will be present upon enrolling in the new year. All institutions must review and update the Facility Applications. Click on the Certification and click save. Facility Applications will then no longer have a green approval checkmark.	
Board of Directors/Principals	Review the information in the Board of Directors/Principals. Enter any changes or corrections. Click save to indicate the information has been reviewed and is up to date.	
Institution Budget Detail		
√	Document	Notes
	Complete the required Excel workbook: Budget for Independent Centers (EZ or Full version)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the appropriate institution specific budget found at: http://www.nutritionnc.com/snp/forms.htm under Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023. 2. Use information in the Independent Center's Budget Summary to complete the Institution Budget Detail in NC CARES. 3. Upload the completed Excel workbook, copies of supporting documents as needed per the worksheets in the budget, and any Less-Than-Arm's Length documentation in the Document Attachments section located at the bottom of the Institution Budget Details section of the NC CARES Application Packet. 4. If claiming labor, upload the institution's Compensation Policy in the Document Attachments section located in the Institution Budget Details section of the NC CARES Application Packet. Ensure that the compensation policy is up to date and consistent with the budget(s) submitted.

Checklist		
√	Document	Notes
	Attachment F – Contractor Certification	Download these REQUIRED documents from the NC CACFP website, complete as indicated, and upload into the NC CARES Checklist. Media Release is not required; the State agency is releasing a statewide media release.
	Attachment I - FFATA Data Reporting Requirement	
	CACFP Fact Sheet 2023	
	Institution Training Certification 2023	
	Annual Information Certification for Institutions 2023	
	Management Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> Org Chart <input type="checkbox"/> Job Descriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Policies/Procedures	These documents are only required <i>if</i> there have been changes to information previously submitted. If no changes, mark the box in the Checklist as previously submitted and a date will auto populate.
	Outside Employment Policy	
	Certification Regarding Other Publicly Funded Programs	

Application Packet Notes for Institutions

Check this section for communication from the State agency if your application is returned. Correction requirements will be specified here.

Attachment List

√	Document	Notes
	Non-Discrimination Policy (UPDATED May 2022)	A change made to the Non-Discrimination Statement in May 2022. A new Non-Discrimination Policy is required for all institutions. Download these forms from the NC CACFP website (Forms page under 2023 Application Update Forms), complete as indicated, and upload into the NC CARES Attachment List. Be sure to label the document correctly before uploading.
	IRS Tax Exemption Verification (<i>Non-Profits only</i>)	
	Statement of Authority	This item should be completed and uploaded into the Attachment List section of NC CARES Application Packet ONLY if there have been changes since last year.

Facility Checklist List - Additional Items for Facilities Receiving Catered Meals from Food Service Management Companies (FSMC) or School Food Authorities (SFA)

Add new contracts or proof of contract renewal to the Facility Checklist.

√	Required Document	Notes
	Food Service Contract with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) <i>or</i> Annual Food Service Contract Renewal Form	Download forms from website, complete as indicated, and upload into NC CARES Facility Checklist.
	Quotes or Bids – Required with FSMC per 2 CFR 226 and FNS 796-2 Rev4 Ex J	Institution’s documentation of <i>all</i> of phone quotes, written quotes, and bids including solicitation materials and specifications. Contracts up to \$10,000 may be phone quotes. Contracts \$10,000-\$250,000 require written quotes submitted. Contracts over \$250,000 require public notification, sealed bids, a state agency representative present at the opening of the bid, and documentation of selection criteria and signed contract must be provided. Upload copies of all bid documents into NC CARES Facility Checklist.
	Food Service Contract with a School Food Authority (SFA) <i>or</i> Annual Food Service Contract Renewal Form	Download forms from website, complete as indicated, and upload into NC CARES Facility Checklist. <i>No quotes required for meal contracts with School Food Authorities/Public Schools.</i>