

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
 Division of Child & Family Well-Being, Community Nutrition Services Section
 Child and Adult Care Food Program
2023 NEW APPLICATION GUIDE
INDEPENDENT CENTERS



Follow this guide to ensure all required documents have been completed and submitted into the correct section of the NC CARES Application Packet. Forms can be found at: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/nccacfp> → Forms → CACFP Forms Fiscal Year 2023 → New Application → Independent Centers

All 2023 applicants must strictly follow the application submission timeline and meet all submission deadlines.

Failure to accurately submit all required documents into NC CARES may delay program approval.

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

PART ONE - Documents required to begin application process and gain access to NC CARES			
✓	Document	Where to Find It	Notes
	New Institution Application Profile	Distributed at Get Started with NC CACFP Training	Complete forms and email to: CACFPnewapp@dhhs.nc.gov
	NC CARES New Institution User Access Request Form		
	Get Started with NC CACFP for IC Training Certificate		
	Proposed Menu – one month’s worth per facility if different menus are used at each	Institution’s copy of documentation	Email a copy with documents listed above
Once received and processed, the Institution’s Program Contact will receive an email from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services indicating access to NC CARES online data management system.			
PART TWO - NC CARES Application Packet - ONLINE			
Once NC CARES access is received by the Program Contact, they can go to nccares.com sign in, click on “Add” Institution Application, and the Application Packet in NC CARES can be completed as outlined below.			
Sections in NC CARES Application Packet		Notes	
Institution Application (Complete first)		Enter information directly into NC CARES	
Facility Application (Complete second)		Enter information directly into NC CARES	
Board of Directors/Principals		Enter information directly into NC CARES	
Institution Budget Details:		Enter information from the Excel workbook into NC CARES (see Notes below).	
✓	Document	Notes	
	Budget for Independent Centers <i>(Excel workbook)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the required Excel workbook listed to the left 2. Enter information from the Budget “Summary” tab into the Institution Budget Details Section in NC CARES. 3. Upload the completed Excel workbook, copies of supporting documentation, any Less-Than-Arm’s Length documentation, and, if claiming labor, the Institution’s Compensation Policy in the Document Attachments section located at the bottom of the Budget Details section in NC CARES. 	
Checklist		Download the documents from the NC CACFP website, complete as indicated, and upload into the NC CARES Checklist.	

✓	Required Institution Checklist Documents	Notes
	Attachment A – General Terms and Conditions	<p>Attachment E – <i>Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement and Policy</i> is called “Attachment E – <i>Conflict of Interest Policy</i>” in NC CARES.</p> <p>Management Plan – <i>Organizational chart, job descriptions, and policies & procedures required as part of the Management Plan</i> should be uploaded to the Attachment List. See Attachment List Document section of this guide for details.</p> <p>Media Release – <i>No document is needed for this item in the Checklist. The State agency releases a statewide media release annually on behalf of all CACFP Institutions. Mark the box in the Checklist as previously submitted and a date will auto populate.</i></p> <p>IRS Letter of Tax-Exempt Status – <i>Provide copy of the Institution’s letter of tax exemption from the IRS. Applicable to non-profit organizations only. Download the documents from the NC CACFP website, complete as indicated, and upload all the documents listed here into the Attachment List with the correct file/document title.</i></p>
	Attachment B – Federal Certifications	
	Attachment D – State Grant Certification - For Organizations or Attachment D - State Grant Certification - For Sole Proprietors	
	Attachment E – Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement and Policy	
	Attachment F – Contractor Certification	
	Attachment I - FFATA Data Reporting	
	Management Plan for Independent Centers (ICs)	
	Statement of Authority	
	CACFP Fact Sheet for Independent Centers	
	IRS Letter of Tax-Exempt Status (non-profits only)	
	Institution Training Certification – Independent Centers	
	Outside Employment Policy	
	Certification Regarding Other Publicly Funded Programs (List of public funding sources)	
	Certificate of Attendance – Get Started with NC CACFP	

✓	Required Facility Checklist Documents	Notes				
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	Current License <i>(if applicable)</i>	Provide institution’s copy of document.				

Facilities Receiving Catered Meals

✓	Additional Checklist Documents	Notes
	<p>From Food Service Management Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CACFP Food Service Contract – Food Service Management Company <input type="checkbox"/> Invitation to Bid <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation for Quotations and Checklist 	<p>Refer to 2 CFR 226 and FNS 796-2 Rev4 Ex for additional contract requirements.</p> <p>Contracts up to \$10,000 may be phone quotes, \$10,000-\$250,000 require written quotes submitted, and those over \$250,000 require sealed bids and justification of selected contract.</p> <p>Upload copies of the Institution’s/Facility’s documentation of all of phone quotes, written quotes, and bids including solicitation materials and specifications into the Attachment List.</p>
	<p>From School Food Authorities</p> <p>CACFP Food Service Contract – School Food Authority (SFA) (Public Schools only)</p>	No quotes are required for School Food Authorities/Public Schools.

Application Packet Notes	Check this area for communication from the state agency. Correction notes are listed here when Application Packets are returned for corrections.																																										
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Required once application has been submitted

Program Agreement

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