

## SARA State Supplemental Sheet for Institutions

SARA provides a degree of flexibility for states as they implement the agreement. Information about state-specific provisions may be added on this page for items such as fees (if any) to be charged in-state institutions, criteria for consideration of appeals of institutions having financial responsibility index scores between 1.0 and 1.49, etc.

### State fee (Institution must fill in the fee that corresponds to its FTE enrollment):

### State fee schedule:

- \$2,000/year for institutions with fewer than 2,500 FTE students
- \$4,000/year for institutions between 2,500-9,999 FTE students
- \$6,000/year for institutions with 10,000 or more FTE students

### State bonding requirement of institution (to access the complete policy, please [click here](#)):

- Any private institution with a federal financial responsibility composite score below a 1.5 must obtain a tuition guaranty bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
- The bond shall be executed by the institution as Principal and a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina as the Surety, with the Obligee listed as the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority.
- The bond amount for an institution shall be at least equal to the maximum amount of prepaid tuition held, for all distance education students and all students required by their degree program to conduct a field placement experience where the student elects to conduct the field placement experience outside of the State of North Carolina, at any time during the last fiscal year by the institution. The bond amount shall also be at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Each application to SARA North Carolina shall include a letter signed by an authorized representative of the institution showing in detail the calculations made and the method of computing the amount of the bond.
- The irrevocable letter of credit must be acceptable to and made payable to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, and shall be at least equal to the maximum amount of prepaid tuition held, for all distance education students and all students required by their degree program to conduct a field placement experience where the student elects to conduct the field placement experience outside of the State of North Carolina, at any time during the last fiscal year by the institution. The letter of credit must be from a bank authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina.

### Financial responsibility criteria for ratings 1.0-1.49:

- Please see section above entitled, "State bonding requirement of institution."

### Additional documentation to submit with the application:

In addition to providing supporting documentation for the first 3 items listed on the NC-SARA application, please submit the following documentation:

- A link to the institution's Student Complaint Process;
- A link to the professional licensure disclosure statement on the institution's web site. If the institution does not offer degree programs online, please say so and that will suffice; and
- A signed copy of the Agreement for Institutional Participation in SARA North Carolina.