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Brandy Branstetter
Upper Iowa University

Sent via email to branstetterb44@uiu.edu

Dear Brandy:

Iowa College Aid, a bureau within the Iowa Department of Education, has approved the renewal application of Upper Iowa University for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA) will send notification to complete the SARA renewal process and make a payment to NC-SARA. The institution must pay NC-SARA to participate in SARA.

Additionally, the institution must pay Iowa College Aid an annual state SARA SPE fee as long as the institution maintains its Iowa SARA approval. Invoices are sent from Iowa College Aid annually on or around September 1.

The institution's next annual SARA participation renewal date is September 7, 2027. NC-SARA will begin sending reminders 90 days in advance of the due date. Iowa College Aid requests the submission of applications 60 days prior to the term expiration date.

Thank you for your assistance during the SARA application evaluation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Postsecondary Authorization Staff by e-mail at stateauthorization@iowa.gov.

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