



# FACS Certification

Alabama and Mississippi Chapters / American College of Surgeons  
E. Shields Frey MD, FACS / Chairman, District 1, Committee on Applicants  
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## No Disclosures



The seal of the American College of Surgeons is circular with a blue border containing the text "AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS". Inside the border, two figures are seated under a tree. Below the figures, it says "FOUNDED IN 1913" and the Latin motto "OMNIBVS PER ARTEM FIDEMQVE PRODESSE".

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## Standards of Practice American College of Surgeons

- Fellowship Pledge
- Statements on Principles
- Code of Conduct
- Professional Growth and Development
- High standards and best practices in surgical care
- Establish and maintain patient confidence in the ability and integrity of their surgeon
- [www.facs.org/membership](http://www.facs.org/membership)
- The letters FACS (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after a surgeon's name mean that the surgeon's education and training, professional qualifications, surgical competence, and ethical conduct have passed a rigorous evaluation, and have been found to be consistent with the high standards established and demanded by the College.

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## ACS Fellowship Pledge

Recognizing that the American College of Surgeons seeks to exemplify and develop the highest traditions of our ancient profession, I hereby pledge myself, as a condition of Fellowship in the College, to live in strict accordance with the College's principles and regulations.

I pledge to pursue the practice of surgery with honesty and to place the welfare and the rights of my patient above all else. I promise to deal with each patient as I would wish to be dealt with if I were in the patient's position, and I will respect the patient's autonomy and individuality.

I further pledge to affirm and support the social contract of the surgical profession with my community and society.

I will take no part in any arrangement or improper financial dealings that induce referral, treatment, or withholding of treatment for reasons other than the patient's welfare.

Upon my honor, I declare that I will advance my knowledge and skills, will respect my colleagues, and will seek their counsel when in doubt about my own abilities. In turn, I will willingly help my colleagues when requested.

I recognize the interdependency of all health care professionals and will treat each with respect and consideration.

Finally, by my Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, I solemnly pledge to abide by the Code of Professional Conduct and to cooperate in advancing the art and science of surgery.

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## Application Process

### 3 basic steps

- Submit Online application
- Provide Surgical case list (12 months)
- Interview with local Committee on Applicants



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## Eligibility Requirements

- I know three (3) Fellows of the College who can serve as my references, one of whom is my chief of surgical services.
- I am certified in my specialty by an American Surgical Specialty Board which is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties, or an American Osteopathic Surgical Specialty Board, or an appropriate specialty certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- I have practiced surgery for at least one year since the completion of my formal training.
- I have been in practice for twelve consecutive months in my current location.
- I hold a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the state or province where I practice and know of no adverse actions that would affect the status of my licensure.
- I hold a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending that could adversely affect staff privileges at any hospital.
- I practice as a general surgeon or as a surgical specialist within the scope of my specialty.

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## American College of Surgeons Administrative teams role

- Query the National Practitioner Data Base; issues reviewed and determinations made whether to forward the application to the local committees
- Certify that the applicant is board certified
- Verify State License



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## Committee on Applicants Purpose

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Evaluate the clinical judgment and surgical ability of the applicant.

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Appraise the applicant's Continuing Medical Education.

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Assess the applicant's medical ethics in accordance with College standards as articulated in the "Statements on Principles."

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# About the Committees

Each committee is made up of a Committee Chair, its members, and a sitting Governor (if they practice in the local district)

124 local Committees


Up to three interviews conducted annually

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## Committee Member Term Limits

- Members are appointed for a three-year term
- Members have the option to serve on the committee for an additional two terms, not to exceed a total of 9 years of service
- Governors are added to their local committee after they are appointed at Clinical Congress
- Governors serve one - two terms to coincide with their tenure as Governor

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## What's New?

-  Fellow Reference Requirement
-  Rolling Initiate Cycle
-  Volunteer Agreement Letter
-  Onboarding Orientation Requirement
-  Quarterly Newsletters

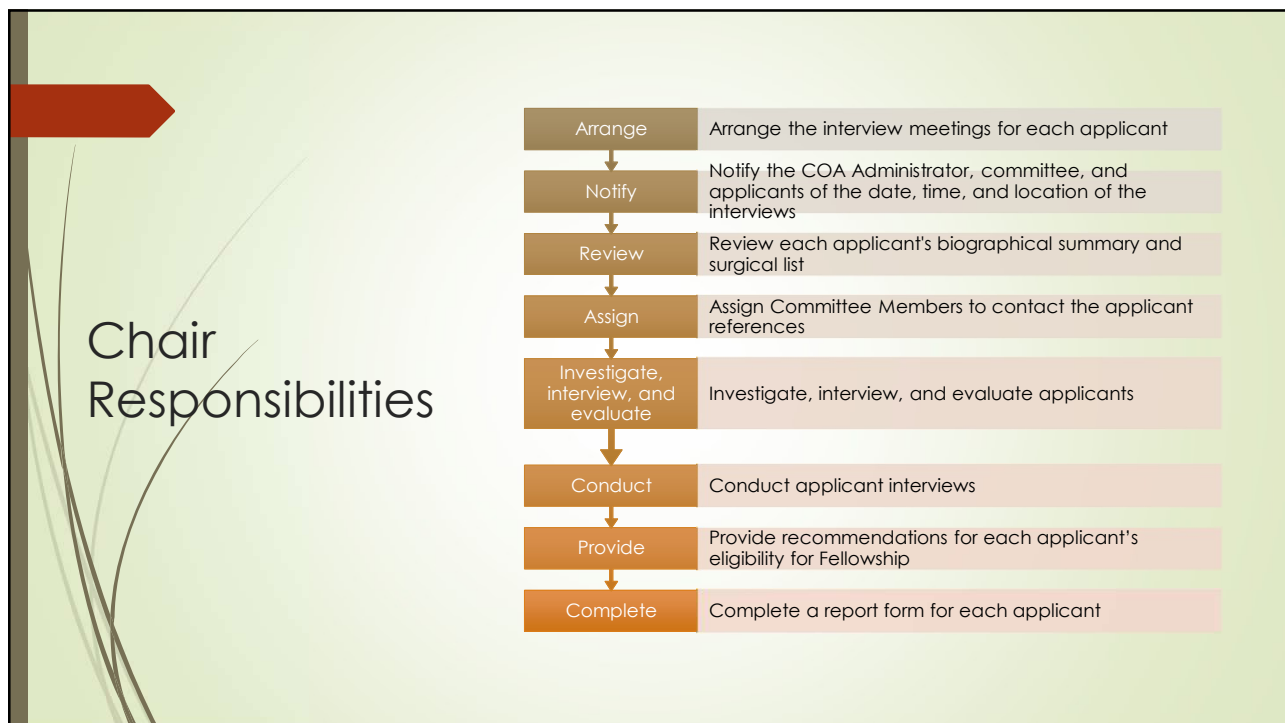
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## New Interview Cycle Timeline

### 2022 Application Year

Application completed by	Interview Timeframe	Fellow or Initiate	Fellow Year
Dec 2, 2021 - Feb 28, 2022	Mar 15, 2022 – Apr 30, 2022	Fellow	2022
Mar 1, 2022 – Apr 30, 2022	May 15, 2022 – Jun 30, 2022	Fellow	2022
May 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2022	Oct 15, 2022 – Dec 20, 2022	Initiate	2023

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## Committee Chair Agreements

- Respond to all communications from the COA Administrator promptly
- Meet submission deadlines as requested
- Be able to perform tasks that require some technical proficiency such as hosting virtual meetings, working with fillable forms, and uploading documents
- Provide ample notification if you relocate or can no longer volunteer as expected
- Notify us of any updates to your contact information

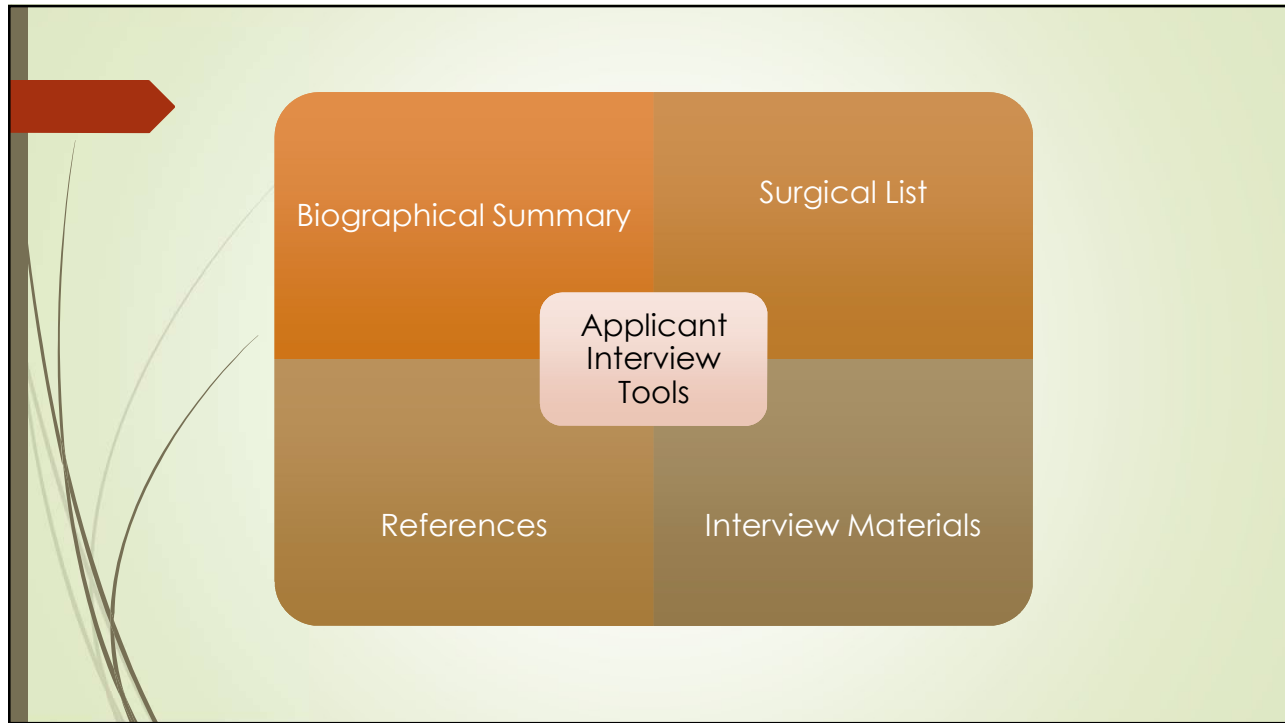
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## Committee Member Responsibilities and Agreements

Review	Review each applicant's biographical summary and surgical list
Conduct	Conduct preliminary investigations upon the request of the Chair
Assist	Assist the Chair with applicant interviews
Participate	Participate in the evaluation of the applicant(s) to determine eligibility for Fellowship

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## Biographical Summary

<b>Jane Doe</b>		ID#: 1234567 North Carolina Credentials: 1	
		02/03/2020	
<b>Personal Information</b>			
Address: 123 Path Ave			
City	Charlotte	State/Province	NC
Phone	(123) 456-7890	Fax	
Birthday	12/05/1985	Gender	Female
Zip/Postal Code	12345-6789	Country	United States
Email	janedoe@gmail.com		
<b>Licensure</b>			
Name of State/Province	License	License Number	Original Issuance Date
VA	Full	554321	01/13/2014
TX	Full	2019-00123	06/14/2019
NC	Full	NC123456	12/05/2019
<b>Certification</b>			
Certified By	American Specialty Boards	Certifying Board	Surgey
Certificate #		Date	12/10/2019
<b>Surgical Practice Information</b>			
Type of Practice	Full-time Academic		
Composition of Surgical Practice:			
Percent	Specialty		
20	Acute Care Surgery		
10	Trauma		
70	General Surgery		
<b>Education</b>			
Location	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	Degree	MD
From	07/01/2006	To	05/20/2012
<b>Postdoctoral Education (after MD)</b>			
Location	MD-Me Medical Center Program	Level of Appointment	Intern
From	07/01/2012	To	06/30/2013
Location	MD-Me Medical Center Program	Level of Appointment	Resident
From	07/01/2013	To	06/30/2018
<b>Hospital Appointments</b>			
Location	Texas Medical El Paso TX	Surgical Staff Position	Attending
From	07/01/2016	To	02/29/2020
Location	Carolina Medical Center Charlotte NC	Surgical Staff Position	Attending
From	03/24/2020	To	Primary
<b>Academic Appointments</b>			
Location	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hebert	Title	Assistant Professor
From	08/30/2018	To	
Location	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of M	Title	Clinical Instructor
From	08/30/2018	To	

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## Surgical Lists



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### Surgical Lists

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Fellow Year</u>	<u>Credential Committee Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>City State Zip</u>	<u>Website</u>
Sherry	Berry	DO	2021	North Carolina Credentials	1	General Surgery	sb@abc.com	Raleigh, NC 12345	<a href="#">Surgical List</a>
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James	Jameson	MD	2021	North Carolina Credentials	1	General Surgery	jj@gmail.com	Raleigh, NC 12345	<a href="#">Surgical List</a>

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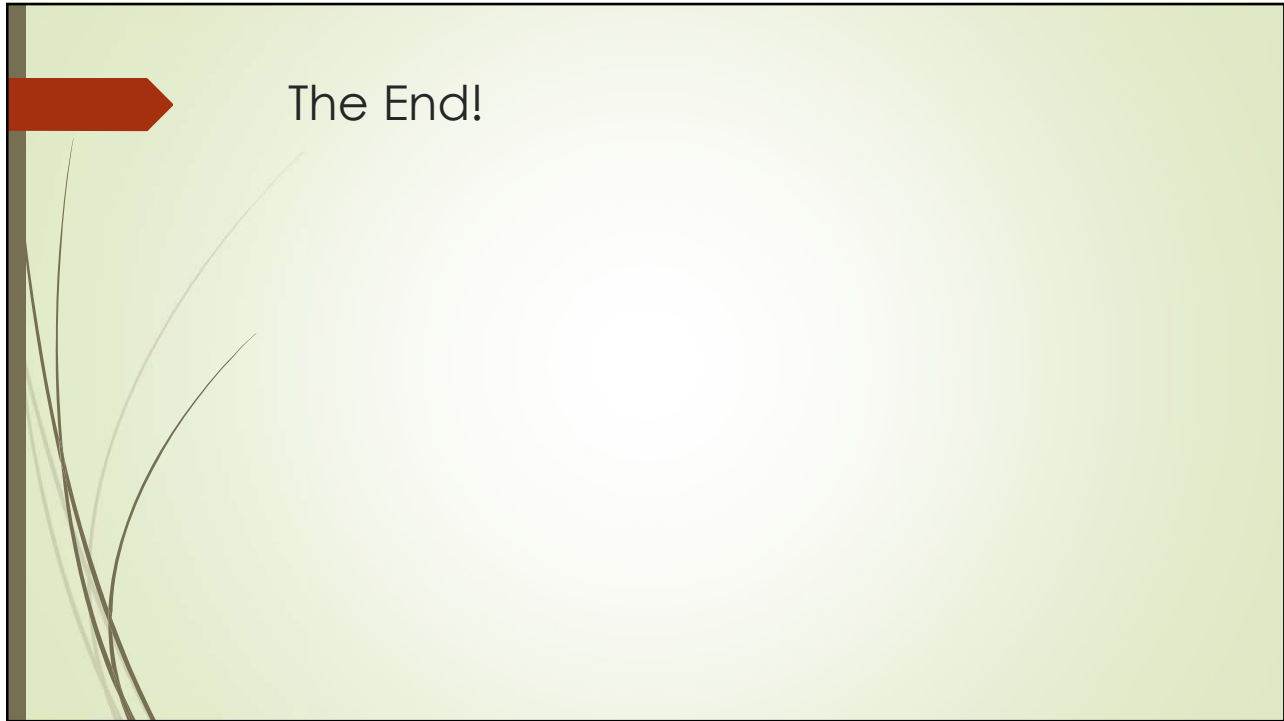
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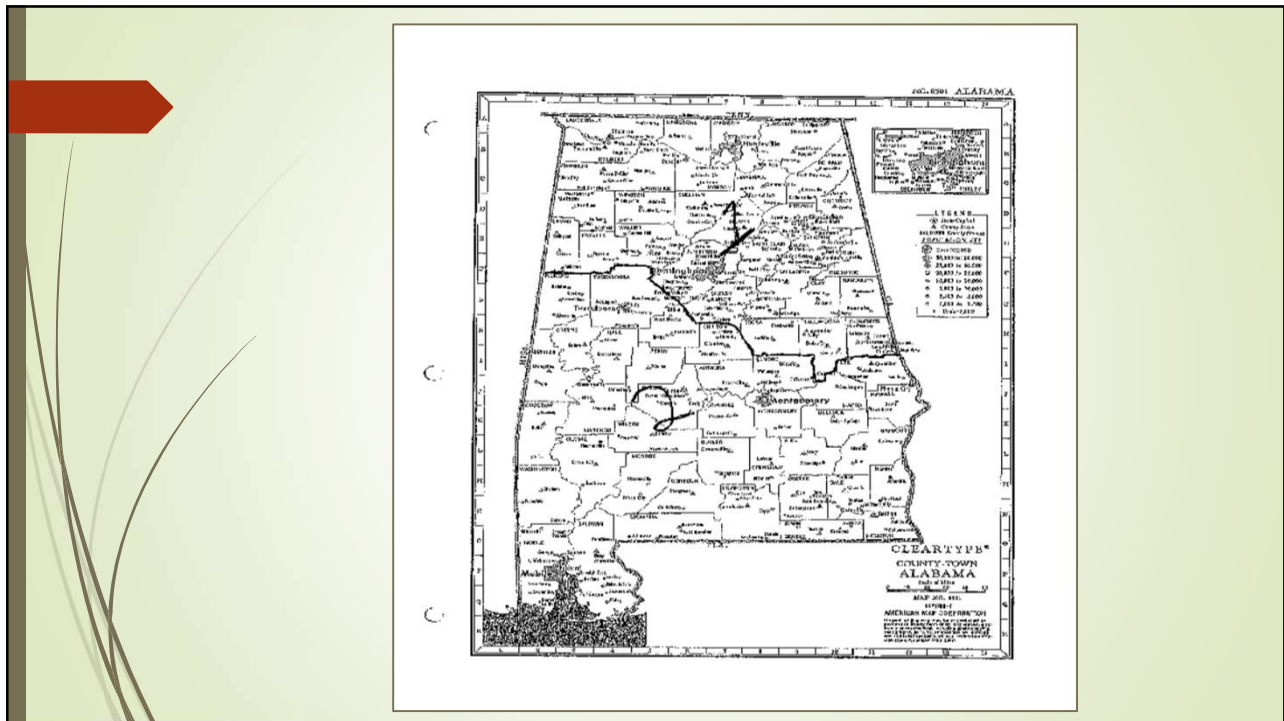
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### References

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