Reviewing Scholarship Applications in AwardSpring

Office of Financial Aid (OFA)

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Topics

- Scholarship Application Deadlines
- Review Groups
- Award and Deny decisions for students and distributing funds
- Notification of students of scholarship status (Awarded or Denied) via email
- Scholarship applications (print if needed)
- AwardSpring Reminders and Reports
- Questions?



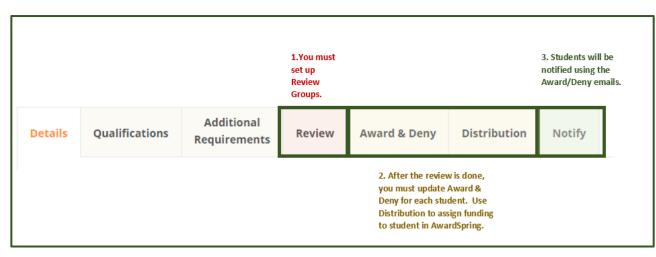
Scholarship Deadline Reminder and Update

- Scholarships in AwardSpring must adhere to the scholarship application deadlines.
- The deadlines are posted on the <u>Scholarship Administration web page</u>.

| Student Type | Application Deadline | Office of Financial Aid Payment Request Deadline |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| New Freshman | February 1 | February 10 |
| New Transfer and Graduate Students | February 24 | March 10 |
| Continuing Students & Renewals | May 19 | June 2 |



Scholarship Application Review in AwardSpring





Group of Scholarships for Review Groups

- Groups are created for scholarships <u>after</u> application deadlines
- Review your departmental gift agreements and scholarship application deadlines
- For example: Group scholarships with similar deadlines, criteria and additional requirements
 - Feb Need based, essay, letter of recommendation
 - Feb Merit, major restricted, essay

Setting up Review Groups in AwardSpring

• Go to Review on the left-hand navigation.

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 The Review tab will allow you to set up your Review Groups. Navigate to the Review tab and click on the 'Add New' button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.



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Review Groups - Details Page

- On the **Review Groups Details** page:
 - The Review Groups details page will appear for you to begin building your set-up.
 - You will be required to provide a name for the group.
 - Instructions for Reviewers
 - Select which scholarships will be included in the group are optional.
 - Scholarships can only be in one group per cycle.
 - Click on the 'Save' button to save the Review Group.
 - After the Review Group is created, you will have additional options/tabs. These options will apply to all scholarships in the selected review group.
 - Deleting a review group is only possible until the review process begins. Once scoring has begun, the review group will be unable to be removed.

| Scholarships | Details | |
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| P Review | Review Group Name: | ⑦ Delete Group |
| Application | STEM Review Group | |
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| 🕲 Users | 5 - 3.1-4.0 Financial Need Please review the EFC and score accordingly. | 1 |
| Reports | Required General Essays Grade essays on grammar, punctuation, and content, | |
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| ? Help Center | Associated Scholarships Add Scholarship: | |
| | Select Scholarships | . ♥ |
| | Action Scholarship Name | |
| | Community Service Award | |
| | Richards Family Scholarship | |



Review Groups – Blinding

- The Blinding tab provides the ability to blind reviews and hide specific application fields exclusively to the scholarships within the selected review group.
- Blinding is no longer an all or nothing option.
- Students will be assigned a random number during review process.

| Details | Blinding | Score Cards | Reviewer Assignment | Applicants | | |
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Review Groups – Score Cards

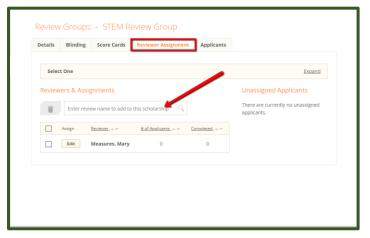
- The Score Card tab functions much like the former 'Scores' tab.
- You will need to use or establish a scoring rubric based on scholarship requirements.
- Click on 'Create Scorecard' to add a rubric.
- Enter the Scorecard title, total possible score and then click Save score card order is left to right as added.
- You can add as few or as many scorecards as needed.
- Please review your Scholarship Details and ensure all categories have a score card.
- Information on this page is saved automatically, look for the Saved indicator.

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| Remo | ve Score Card | | | | |
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Review Groups – Reviewer Assignments

- Assign reviewers by using the search bar to assign correct user to the scholarship.
- After selecting the desired reviewers, click 'Expand' on the Reviewer Assignment 'Select One' header bar and choose how to distribute the applicants to the reviewers. The assignment methods:
 - All Every reviewer reviews each application
 - Randomly System randomly assigns applicants.
 - Manually Sch Admin manually assign applicants.
- Review to ensure the number of applications is split correctly.

Review committee member access assigned via <u>RCM Access</u> <u>Form</u> approved by Accountable Officer.



Note: Reviewers not assigned correctly? Remove reviewers and begin process again. DO NOT reassign RCMs once scoring has <u>started</u>.

Review Groups – Applicants

• The 'Applicants' tab will permit you to see all applicants applied to opportunities assigned to the selected Review Group and their score.

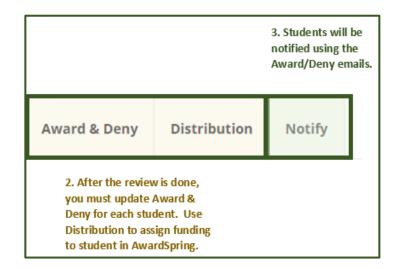
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- The tab also gives you the ability to deny an applicant to all opportunities within the review group.
- Be careful if you are assigning multiple scholarships to a group. This will deny the student from all scholarships in the group.

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| Deny on Group Scholarships | Charles | Azevedo | - |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | Daisy | Benson | - |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | Joanne | Burnett | - |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | John | Byrne | |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | Debora | Carr | - |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | Alba | Harper | - |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | David | Hite | - |
| Deny on Group Scholarships | Jimmy | Jimenez | - |
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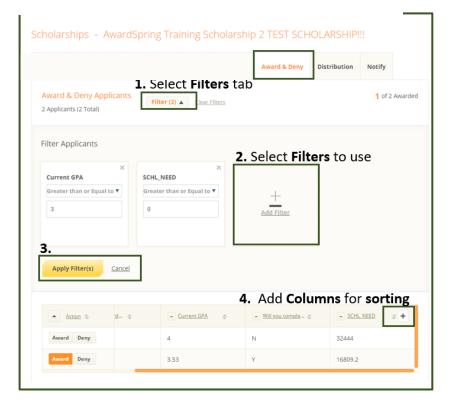


Award and Deny, Distribution, and Notifying Students in AwardSpring



Award & Deny Filters and Columns

- Review student data on Award & Deny tab by adding filters and columns.
- This option can be used to remove/deny students from the applicant pool
 - Select Deny by each student name
 - Ex. GPA was not assigned, but you want to consider anyone with 3.0 or higher
- Banner Data Legend available on <u>Scholarship Administration page</u>.



Award & Deny – Awarding Decisions

Use the **Award & Deny tab** to update student scholarship status:

- Select for each student:
 - Award Eligible/awarded students.
 - Deny Ineligible/denied students.
- AwardSpring will notify you when all funds have been spent.
- <u>Payment request are still required and must</u> <u>be submitted via the Scholarship Email</u> <u>Inbox.</u>

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Need help? <u>Contact a member of the</u> <u>scholarship team!</u>

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

- Use the Distribution tab to publish awarding decisions:
 - Ensure amounts are awarded correctly.
 - AwardSpring can distribute amounts evenly.
 - Select Publish Award Statuses

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- Students will be able to see updates in AwardSpring – Awarded or Denied
- Payment request are still required and must be submitted via the Scholarship Email Inbox.

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Notifying Students via Email in AwardSpring

- You should use the Notify feature in AwardSpring to communicate with applicants the status of their application – Awarded or Denied
- Notices will be sent after the scholarship review is completed.
- Emails are sent to students' USF email address.

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• Email will include student name and scholarship name and cannot be customized.

AwardSpring Emails

Award Email Notice

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Denial Email Notice

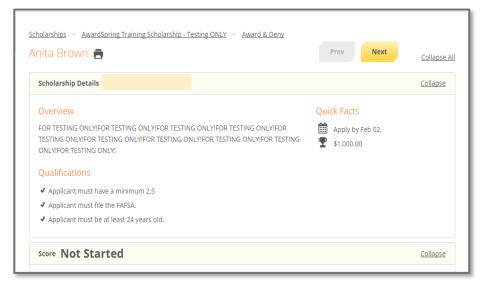
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AwardSpring Reminders and Reports

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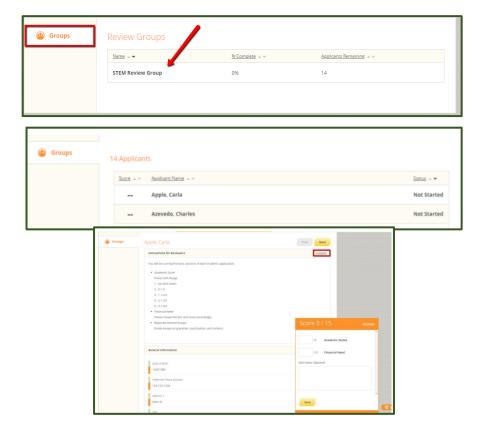
Review Student Application – Admin View

- Select specific scholarship
- On the Award & Deny tab, select the student by clicking their name. Note: You can filter alphabetically.
- Scroll to see the student's responses.



Scores and Reviewers Assigned – Review Begins

- Reviewers will not notice much of a difference in the review process or the way they enter scores or navigate through the applicant listing
- Upon logging in, reviewers will see a 'Groups' navigation tab and a list of the review group(s) they have been assigned to.
- Clicking on a selected group will then display the list of applicants assigned to the review in the selected group.
- Press Save before scoring another student.
- Click Next to move to another student.



Student Application Sections & Banner Data

The following sections are on the Student Application and can be seen by reviewers:

- General Information: Contact and demographic information
- Academic Information (Banner Imported)
- University Wide: Student reported and Banner Data General scholarship questions (FAFSA, citizenship, study abroad interest, etc.).
- Campus/College specific: Banner Imported and Student Reported Campus/college/departmental scholarship questions
- Office Use Only: Banner data (e.g., various GPAs, test scores, unmet need, etc.)
- Additional Requirements: Essays, follow up questions, and additional documentation. Must be assigned to scholarship.
- Letters of Recommendation: Submitted via AwardSpring on behalf of the student.

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Retrieve Banner Data using REPORT127

- Access REPORT127 via the Scholarship Administration Reports
- A username and password are needed to access the Scholarship Administrative Reports.
- Listed below are the parameters for retrieving AwardSpring Banner information via REPORT127:
 - Aid Year: (Use Application Aid Year)
 - Term Code: Fall, spring, summer
 - Scholarship Type: (Select your College/Department/Unit)
 - Scholarship Name Any or by scholarship
 - Do not see your unit? <u>Contact member of scholarship team</u> for assistance



Additional Reports!



REPORT50 – Financial aid fund codes that are tied to your units FAST Chart Fields. Report 51- Financial aid fund codes that are tied to your USF Foundation Fund numbers.

REPORT56 – Reconcile all funds assigned to the user for a term.



REPORT87 - Financial Aid by Campus by College - An unduplicated count of all students paid a scholarship, grant, loan or work study for the aid year.



Report 212 New Student General Scholarship Information via UID Load -Lists general scholarship information for new students who signed a scholarship application.



Need something? Send an email with your request to the <u>Scholarship Team</u>



Banner Data Legend

- Located on the <u>Scholarship Administration page</u>.
- Provides data points imported into AwardSpring via the integration and REPORT127 data.

| AwardSpring | Question/Qualification in AwardSpring/Filtering | AwardSpring | Filtering? | Values | Notes |
|------------------|---|-----------------|------------|---|---|
| Integration Data | | Section | | | |
| UID | Student ID | Office Review | Yes | U000000-U99999999 | BANNER->MIMS |
| LASTNAME | Last Name | General | Yes | 60 characters | Comes from Admission Applications/Recruitment |
| | | Information | | | |
| FIRSTNAME | First Name | General | Yes | 60 characters | Comes from Admission Applications/Recruitment |
| | | Information | | | |
| NETID | Username | General | Yes | Assigned upon activation | Student is required to activate or cannot login to Awar |
| | | Information | | | |
| EMAIL | Email | General | Yes | Assigned upon activation | Student is required to activate or cannot login to Awar |
| | | Information | | | MIM/MFA; applied students are also given a usf.edu er |
| AGE | What will your age be on January 31st, 2021? | General | Yes | Numeric | Calculation uses As of January 1st each year |
| | | Information | | | |
| DOB | Date of Birth | General | Yes | YYYY-MM-DD | New students Contact Admissions; Continuing students |
| | | Information | | | |
| MARTL | What is your current Marital Status? | General | Yes | Single, Married/Remarried/Domestic Partner, Divorced, | FASFA or BLANK; Will deliver blank if FAFSA indicates # |
| | | Information | | Widowed, No Domestic Partner, Preffer not to answer | Divorced/Widowed/No Domestic Partner |
| COUNTRY_DESC | Country | General | Yes | BLANK = Don't Know | At the time of admission; |
| | | Information | | | |
| INTNTLSTDNT | Are you an International Student? | University Wide | Yes | Yes/No | At the time of admission; |
| | | Questions | | | |
| CITZEN_CODE | Are you a U.S. Citizen? | University Wide | Yes | Yes, No or BLANK; | At the time of admission; or updated by student via Int |
| | | Questions | | | Permanent Residen or Naturalized Citizen; |
| CITZEN_DESC | Please indicate your citizenship status below: | University Wide | Yes | Citizen (USA) | At the time of admission; or updated by student via Int |
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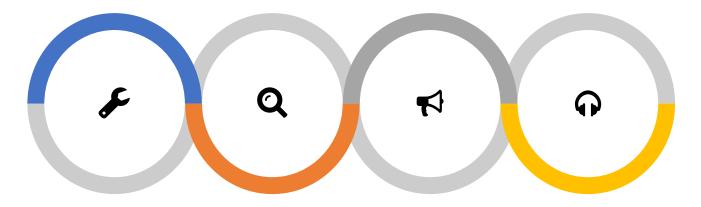


Summary and Reminders

- Reviewer (RCM) access created after training.
- Steps for the scholarship application review process via Review Groups: create instructions for your reviewers, create a scoring template, assign reviewers to the group.
- Remember the scholarship application deadlines and review your scholarship application progress prior to the deadline.
- Update application award statuses and publish decisions.

DO NOT DELETE OR make any edits in AwardSpring WITHOUT SPEAKING TO A SCHOLARSHIP TEAM MEMBER!





Scholarship Administration web page

> Deadlines, Administrative Guides, Forms, and Reports

OFA Web Page

COA, FAFSA information, Important Dates, and Forms

Scholarship Team

Ask a member of the Scholarship Team

OFA Presentations

Review our past scholarship related presentations.





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