March 30 2018

Dear Scholarship Administrator,

There was an unexpected but welcome solution included in the recent Omnibus Federal Spending package that was signed on March 23rd. Existing guidance from a branch of the Federal Department of Education (Privacy Technical Assistance Center) has been "fixed" in the bill. The problem that has been of significant concern to everyone involved with financial aid and scholarships was the inability of schools to share FAFSA data, even with the student's permission. The spending bill provides institutions the ability to share FAFSA information with scholarship-granting organizations or tribal organizations as long as there is explicit written consent from the student. This essentially puts us back to business as usual. There are some concerns about social service type agencies ability to have paperwork completed that we are still waiting for clarification on from the Dept of Education.

This is a great time then to review your documents and ensure they contain the necessary elements of permission for sharing - we'll see about getting some samples out on the scholarship administrators website. For your reference everyone should have access to: http://asr.umn.edu/training-and-support/scholarship-administrators. We are also working on updating places of reference on this topic.

Please also note that the meeting next Wednesday April 4 is cancelled for insufficient agenda topics. You should have received an email earlier this week from Nate with some deadline reminders among other things.

Kind regards,

Michelle Curtis,

March 28, 2018

Dear Scholarship Administrator,

Summer 2018 scholarship files can now be uploaded in PeopleSoft for students who are registered for Summer 2018 courses (the system will not be able to post summer scholarships for students who are not yet registered). Note: Summer 2018 is part of Aid Year 2018 (2017-2018).

Updated GRD/UGRD 4999 registration procedures are now posted at the bottom of the ASR Scholarship Administrators page at: http://asr.umn.edu/training-and-support/scholarship-administrators for departments that have Summer scholarships for summer research for students who are not otherwise enrolled.
Deadline for Spring 2018 scholarship entry is 1:00 pm, Thursday, May 10, 2018.
You may also enter scholarship files for continuing students for Fall/Spring Aid Year 2019 (2018-2019). The **deadline** for entering scholarships to be included in students’ initial electronic financial aid award notices (efaan) **for Fall/Spring 2018-2019 is 1:00 pm Friday, June 29, 2018.** This includes undergraduate, graduate, and professional student scholarships.

The Office of Student Finance requires all scholarships to be entered in PeopleSoft in order to accurately package state, federal and institutional financial aid for all students.

**Reminders on Best Practices for Scholarship Entry:**

1) Files should be uploaded in Aid Year 2019 for Fall/Spring 2018-2019 scholarships.

2) Make sure to enter the full year scholarship amount (Fall/Spring) in your initial file.
   - Students will see their total aid package and will be better able to plan their budget for the year.
   - Scholarship awards entered late will require revision of the financial aid package in order to keep the University in compliance with federal and state regulations.
   - Late awards can result in cancelation of other financial aid to prevent the student from being over-awarded. When this happens, students often do not see additional money in their student account; it may just change aid around. OSF has to adjust other aid, return loan funds, and place a hold on the student's record until aid is reversed and sent back.
   - Departments have the opportunity to review grades or other eligibility criteria in time to cancel spring semester scholarships before financial aid disburses. Spring scholarships will not disburse if a student is not registered for classes.

For questions please contact us at saosf@umn.edu. Please do not reply to the listserv email.

Thank you!

-Nate Rosckes