



Scholarship Universe

Overview



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What is Scholarship Universe?



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Scholarship Universe

A new platform for students to apply and match to campus based and external scholarships.

Rather than searching for scholarships, students can get matched to scholarships based on their student information.

See video demo of student experience on next slide.



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What can Scholarship Universe do for you?

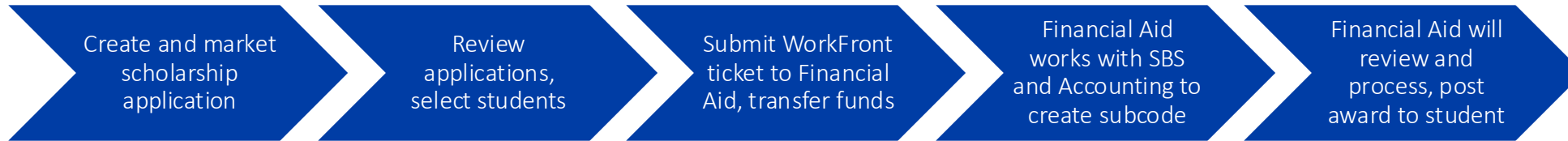
Benefits of using Scholarship Universe

- Simplify the process for staff
 - Departments, review committees, Financial Aid, Advancement
- Save time on the application process, if needed
- Improve visibility across departmental scholarships
- Make the awarding process more efficient
 - Unmet need is visible to determine exact eligibility. Easy to target the eligible students.
- Streamline and simplify the Stewardship process
- Eliminate scholarship search fatigue for students



How does using Scholarship Universe change my process?

Current Process



New Process



In order for Scholarship Universe to be used efficiently, funding should be transferred to Financial Aid for undergraduate scholarships at the beginning of this process. If funding is not immediately available, it needs to be transferred to FA by the time the scholarship opens to students.



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How to use Scholarship Universe

Understanding the Platform

- SU requires setup for each individual scholarship
- Applications are optional
 - Two methods to select students: Direct awarding (matching) vs Application review
- SU is integrated with Banner
 - Questions that students answer (or data imported from Banner) can be built to match requirements
 - Identifies scholarships that students qualify for and filters out those that they do not

Plan your Scholarship

Financial Aid will need to know details of your scholarship such as:

- Awarding information (award years, terms, and fund codes),
- Cycles – open and close dates
- Donor related information (donors and thank you letters if required)
- Questions (matching requirements)

You will be asked to fill out a Scholarship Intake Form to provide this information



Scholarship and Application Types

Internal Application

Student: If student matches to scholarship, student can submit application form to be added to the candidate pool, by the published deadline.

Admin: Wait for cycle to expire, then start the review process.

Internal Application with Continuous Awarding

Student: If student matches to scholarship, student can submit application form to be added to the candidate pool, by the published deadline.

Admin: Can view applications and begin awarding while the application & cycle are open; does not go through a formal review process.

Direct Award

Student: Student answers matching questions. If full match for scholarship, student will appear as a candidate for your scholarship.

Admin: (Auto Match) No application required and does not go through a formal review process; can award at any point during the cycle.

Plan



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Search



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Dashboard



Plan



Review



Award



Reports



Settings

10/2 - A new release fixed a small defect on the Thank you letters. [View the release notes here](#)

Plan

Cycles



Applications



Score Cards



Scholarships



Bulk Status Update



Rollovers



Donors



Thank You
Templates



Match Explorer



Version 1.168.28778

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Review

Manage committees

- Add members to review the applications
- Can use a Score Card to make the review more quantitative
 - Allows for defining the criteria for scoring, weighting of criteria, and customized instructions

Direct awarding review vs application review

- Currently only UCR affiliated (staff and faculty) members can have access to SU
- Manage pools
 - Pools enable you to allocate resources to review applicants, specify how you would like the reviewers to score the applicants, and create multiple review rounds if needed.

Direct Awarding Review vs Application Review

Direct Award

Uses the matching engine to qualify students and an administrator reviews and awards the matching candidates using SmartRank to differentiate the students.

Select candidate(s) from pool determined eligible based on

- Student data imported into ScholarshipUniverse
- Student answers to general questions

Students do not see Direct Award Scholarships.

Application

Students match to a scholarship and submit an application. A committee reviews and scores the applicants.

Select candidate(s) from pool of applicants

- Students who completed applications and submitted additional required materials

Visible to students.

Award

Manage awards

- Can see the students you selected and notify them
- Have student accept award, complete thank you letter (if required)

Thank you approval

- Dept staff can review thank you letter and ask student to edit if needed
- Once ready, can approve

Post (by Financial Aid)

- Once requirements are completed, FA can process the award by batch posting
- SU integrates with Banner



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Next Steps

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Meet again to review scholarships you want to move to ScholarshipUniverse – get Gift Agreements ready



Submit WorkFront ticket "Scholarship Universe Request" and transfer funding. FA will email you these links.



Once you submit, FA will set up your scholarship and/or application



Review (or wait for app to close) and approve. FA will then award



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