Setting Up Your Award Committee Process for Success





Consulting & Support Services



Financial Aid Review Program

Save school administrators time by outsourcing folder reviews from error correction through awarding. Or conduct post-season audits to measure your program's success.

Professional Development
Leverage high-quality training
resources like parent nights,
webinars, online tutorials, and a
wide range of information resources.



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Keys to Success

Preparation
Prevention
Process
Management





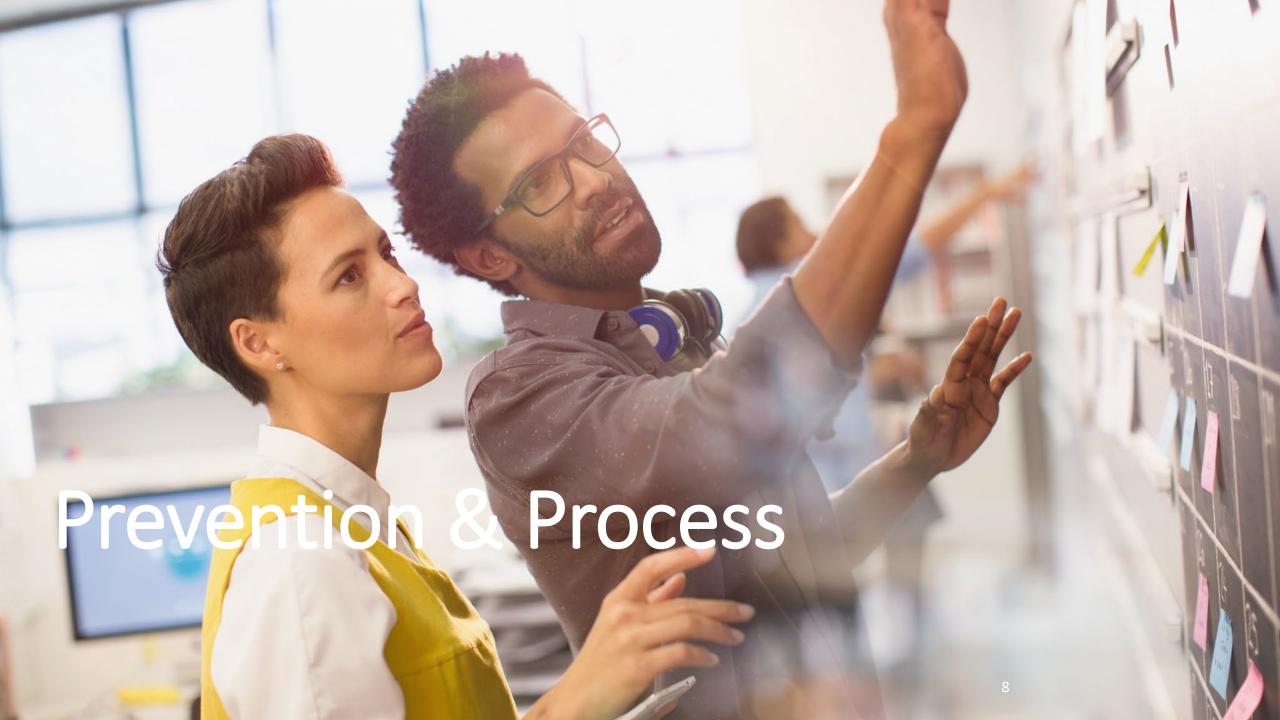
Clean Up On Aisle 20-21

- Closing out the "Traditional aid" 20-21 Season
- Closing out the "COVID Aid" Round 1 (2,3,4)
 - Depending on your COVID process, you will want to ensure that all requested documents, status check in's, and/or updated supplemental questions are completed.
 - Send out updated supplemental questionnaire
- Update all records to reflect the correct:
 - Grant Awarded (Traditional/COVID)
 - Enrollment Status
 - COVID Tracking
- Send a Welcome Email to all returning applicants
 - Reminding them of the process, deadline dates docs required





- Review FA Policy Guide Internally/externally
 - Do you have one and/or is it updated annually?
 - Define the common appeal reasons, state what would be required?
 - How do you track appeals?
 - What is your success rate?
- Do you have a consistent process for parents?
 - Creating a template of what is required
 - Clear language about the process for email.
 - Timeline of review for family
- How did/does this differ from your COVID review process?
 - Creating a template of what is required when COVID spikes again
 - Clear language about TEMP/One Time
 - Timeline of review for family to state need/award





Appeal Now or Appeal Later

• Outlier Report

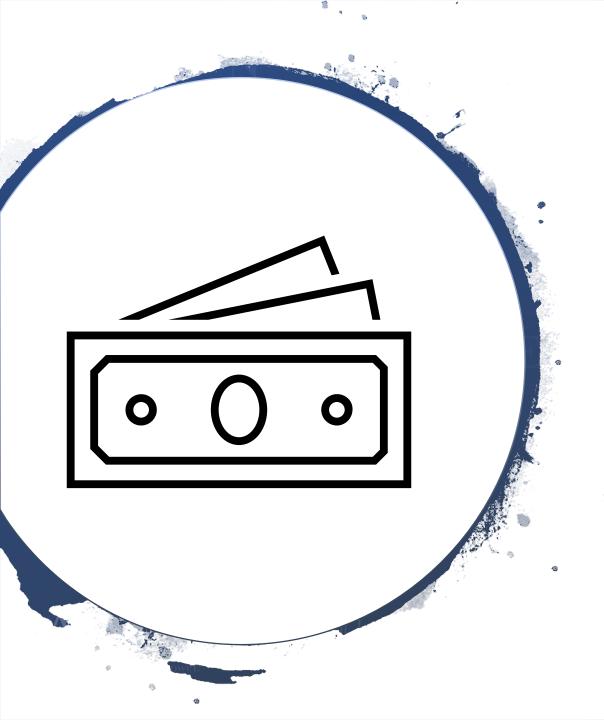
Parent Offer to Pay vs. System suggested award

Timeline Changes

- This is especially important if we are using prior year verification, 2019 taxes used, but parents lost job in 2020 or COVID impacted.
- Build out your matrix (if this/than that)

Awarding Schedule

• It is much easier to deal with an appeal weeks before enrollment contracts go out vs. after.



Awarding Process

- Committee Meeting Group Communication
- Important fields to share with group
- Awarding spreadsheet "Impact Buckets"
- Live tracking spreadsheet



Spreadsheet Layout-Key Areas

	Т	U	V	W	X
d	Tuition	Tuition Remission	Prior Year Payment	Payment Change	COVID Impacted
,540	\$16,340		\$7,500	\$300	Fa
,300	\$16,340		\$13,350	-\$3,310	YES
,300	\$16,340		\$8,100	\$5,940	N
,000	\$16,340		\$6,300	\$40	N
,300	\$16,340		\$5,000	\$40	N
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Spreadsheet Layout-Additional Data

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al Income	Income Supplement	Severity	Grant Awarded	Covid-Award	Tuition	Tuition Remission	Financial Aid Notes
\$63,249	\$31,760	2	\$0	\$6,000	\$11,040		From the family- Emily was ju
\$121,000	\$13,807	2		\$6,000	\$16,340		Covid Review-Droppi
\$93,608	\$0	1	\$6,500	\$6,000	\$16,340		Covid P
\$76,470	\$124.37Q	1 1	\$0	\$1,000			From
			\$0	\$1,000	\$11,040		
					\$16		

Spreadsheet Layout-COVID Tab

	21-22 FA Budget		
Total	Allocated*	Remaining	% Allocated
	\$5,908,612	\$157,971	97%
	\$389,650	\$110,350	78%
	*Includes pending enrollment		
	2021-22 New Pending	\$0	
	2021-22 Returning Pending		
	2021-22 New-Actual	\$705,630	
	2021-22 Returning-Actual	\$5,202,982	
	2021-22 New-Remission Pending	\$0	
	2021-22 Returning-Remission Pending		
	2021-22 New-Remission Actual	\$99,642	
	2021-22 Returning-Remission Actual	\$991,284	
	2021-22 Covid Awards	\$389,650	

Spreadsheet Layout-Live Awarding





- Tracking over time is critical
 - If appeals are on the rise and they are not related to a change of circumstance, what is the reason?
 - Are you outpacing a family's ability to keep up? (Tuition increase problem)
 - Are you missing important factors not taken into consideration in your financial aid tool. (middle income gap)

- Set a process internally to be consistent and fair
 - Always asking for the same items by situation
 - If decision is made by committee, ensure that committee awards the appeal
 - Have an appeal timeline so it isn't open ended for families.
 - If follow up is required, ensure you do that with a family, so they don't perceive requests as empty ones.

