Assigning and Sending an Individual Award Letter Communication

Purpose: Use this document as a reference on how to generate an award letter for one student

Audience: Financial Aid staff.

There may be instances when you need to print off an award letter and give it to a student via email or hand to them in person. Using 3Cs speed keys* for communications in the **View Financial Aid Status** page, you can generate a new award letter for a student, or you can print one that has previously been assigned/generated.

Step 1) Assign the Award Letter

Step 2) Send out the Award Letter

Step 3) Print the award letter from View Fin Aid Status page

***Note**, if you have not set up **Communication Speed Keys**, please set up your speed keys so you can move through the steps.

How to set up communication **Speed Keys** for your staff:

http://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/79552/l/941799-9-2-communication-speed-keysset-up

You must have at least one of these local college managed security roles:

- ZD FA Director
- ZD FA Student Aid Info
- ZZ FA Student Aid Info

If you need assistance with the above security roles, please contact your local college supervisor or IT Admin to request role access.

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Assigning an Award Letter from the View Financial Aid Status page

Navigation: Financial Aid > View Financial Aid Status

- 1. The View Financial Aid Status search page displays.
- 2. Enter data in the following fields:
 - EMPL ID
 - Academic Institution
 - Aid Year
- 3. Select the **Search** button.
- 4. The Financial Aid Status page displays.
- 5. Select the **Communication Speed Key** icon at the top right of the page -- this step will then take you out to the Communication Management page.
- 6. The Communication Management page displays.
- 7. Enter:
 - Administrative Function = FINA
 - **Institution** = (select your institution from the drop down list, i.e., Tacoma CC)
- 8. Enter the **Communication Key** of "**FAAWARD**" -- note the subsequent fields will populate all the way down the column to the **Letter Code** being assigned.
- 9. Select the Variable Data button.
- 9. The Variable Data pagelet displays.
- 10. Enter the **Aid Year** in which you are queuing the communication.
- 11. Select the **OK** button.

Note the **Letter Code** assigned; you will use it in the next step of the process.

- 12. *Optional* -- define the user ID assigning the communication, and the Department from which the communication is coming (Financial Aid).
- 13. Select the **Save** button.
- 14. Process complete.

You can return to the View Financial Aid Status page to verify the communication was successfully assigned -- Next, you must *send out* the communication using Communication Generation.

Video Tutorial

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Send Out the Communication Using Communication Generation

1 You must have at least one of these local college managed security roles:

- ZC CC 3Cs User
- ZD CC 3Cs User
- ZZ CC 3Cs User

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Navigation: Campus Community > Communications > Communication Generation

- 1. The Communication Generation page displays.
- 2. At the **Selection Parameters** tab, in the **ID Selection** group box, select "**One Person ID**" from the drop-down box.
- 3. Select **Person ID** note the student's ID you assigned in the previous step should appear as an available ID to select.
- 4. Next, select the **Lookup Tool** in the **Letter Code** field.
- 5. The Look Up Letter Code pagelet displays.
- 6. Note the **Letter Code** you assigned in the previous process should be an available option from which to select.
- 7. Select that **Letter Code** you noted in the previous process.

- 8. The Selection Parameters tab displays.
- 9. Note the fields have now populated with the relevant items associated with the **Letter Code**.
- 10. In the Communication Method Usage section, select **Email** for the **Method** field.
- 11. Select the **Process Parameters** tab.
- 12. The Process Parameters page displays.
- 13. In the **Person Communication Usage** group box, define the:
- 14. **Address** = FA Email and Postal Address
- 15. Address Name = FA Student Name
- 16. **Salutation** = FA Student Name
- 17. Extra Name = FA Student Name
- 18. In the Communication Date Range Selection group box, select the date/range you used when you assigned the Communication. In this QRG, the 1/08/2024 date example was used -- make sure you use a date that begins with the date you assigned the communication so that Communication Assignment date is picked up in this process.
- 15. Next, select the **Email Parameters** tab.
- 16. The Email Parameters page displays.
- 17. In the Email Parameters group box, define the fields for:
 - From = your work email or your office's general email
 - **Subject** = Award Notification
 - **Reply To** = your work email or your office's general email
 - Sender = your work email or your office's general email
 - **Bounce To** = your work email or your office's general email
- 18. When satisfied, select the **Run** button.
- 19. The Process Scheduler Request page displays.
- 20. Select the **OK** button.
- 21. The Communication Generation page displays.
- 22. Select the **Process Monitor** link to track the run process.
- 23. The Process Monitor page displays.
- 24. At the **Process List** tab, ensure the process runs to **Success** and **Posted**.
- 25. Select the **Details** link, located under **Actions**, to view any process messages.
- 26. The Process Detail page displays.
- 27. Select the **Message Log** link.
- 28. Note in the **Message Log** detail, the message displays the process was a success as noted in the highlighted message text "**Number of Communication Records Process: 2**".
- 29. Student can retrieve award letter from email.
- 30. Process complete.

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Optional - Printing the Letter Off from the View Financial Aid Status Page

If the student is at your counter, and is requesting a printed letter -- you can print the letter you just assigned/comm gen'd out to the student at the View Financial Aid Status page -- steps for that are below

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Navigation: Financial Aid > View Financial Aid Status

- 1. The View Financial Aid Status page displays.
- 2. At the **Communications** group box, find the line item with the date you assigned the communication. Then select the **FACNXT** link to view the Award Letter.
- 3. The **Communication Detail** page displays.
- 4. Scroll to the bottom of the page, and select the **View Generated Communication** link.
- 5. The View Communication pagelet displays.
- 6. Select the **View** button.
- 7. The award letter displays.
- 8. Select the **print icon** (or select Ctrl + P) to print out your letter.
- 9. Or, save and attach to email.
- 10. End of procedures.

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