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Introduction

This guide documents Release 8.4.1 of the Banner Financial Aid Self-Service System. Release 8.4.1 includes enhancements, regulatory updates, and problem resolutions.

This document provides detailed information about the Banner Financial Aid Self-Service 8.4.1 release only.

This document describes the following enhancements.

Award Lock Enhancement

The functional and technical sections in this release guide discuss the modifications made for the Award Lock enhancement which delivers two new features. You can now allow the update of an award status on locked funds and you can now allow an award with a fund or term lock to be accepted or declined by an applicant in Banner Financial Aid Self-Service.

Please refer to the *Banner Financial Aid 8.4.2 Release Guide* for additional information.

2009-2010 COD ACG, SMART and TEACH Calculation

The functional and technical sections in this release guide discuss the modifications made to the Banner Financial Aid Self-Service that were necessary to accommodate the calculation of load-based ACG, SMART and TEACH awards for the 2009-2010 award year. The processing is modeled in a similar way to the existing Pell Grant calculations.

Please refer to the *Banner Financial Aid 8.4.2 Release Guide* for more comprehensive information about this enhancement.

Problem Resolutions

Problem resolutions are summarized by object at the end of the release guide. You can find detailed information for each problem resolution in a separate .txt file. The file for this release is named `faidss80401resolutions.txt`.



1 Award Lock Enhancement - Functional



Overview

Note

Please refer to the *Banner Financial Aid 8.4.2 Release Guide* for a more comprehensive functional and technical description of this enhancement at the Banner baseline level. The information that follows is cross-referenced in that guide. ■

The Award Lock Enhancement contains the following modifications.

Allow the Update of an Award Status on Locked Funds

In the past, when you locked an award or term, you could not update any information on the record. This meant that in order to change the status of the award, you were required to first unlock the award or term record, update the status, and then re-lock the award. This enhancement will provide an option to allow the update of an award status for awards which have either an award or term lock.

Allow an Award with a Fund or Term Lock to be Accepted or Declined by an Applicant in Self-Service

Another issue was that an applicant could not accept an award in Banner Financial Aid Self-Service due to the existence of a lock. For example, if a school locked a loan award, primarily to preserve non-standard loan distributions, the lock also prevented students from accepting these loans online.

This enhancement allows a student to accept or decline an award with a fund or term lock in Banner Financial Aid Self-Service. The student is prohibited from accepting a reduced amount (a partial acceptance) when a lock exists for the fund.

Note

This enhancement does not change the following functionality within Banner Financial Aid and Banner Financial Aid Self-Service. ■

- Package Lock: When a package lock exists for an applicant, no updates to awards are allowed.
- Pell: You are still not allowed to update the status of a Pell Grant fund code.

Changed Web Pages

Award for Aid Year Page (bwrkrhst.P_DispAwdAidYear)

Accept Award Offer Tab

An applicant can now accept or decline an award if a lock exists for a fund (RPROWRD_LOCK_IND = Y or E) or if a lock exists on the fund for a term (RPRATRM_LOCK_IND = Y or E) when the **Allow Award Status Updates When Locked** (ROAINST_UPD_LOCKED_AWARD_IND) field on ROAINST is checked for the aid year; if a lock exists either on RPROWRD or RPRATRM for the fund, *Accept Partial Amount* does not display for the fund, preventing the applicant from accepting a partial amount for a locked fund.

2 2009-2010 COD ACG, SMART and TEACH Calculation - Functional



Overview

This enhancement addresses the changes necessary to accommodate the calculation of load-based ACG, SMART and TEACH awards for the 2009-2010 award year. The processing is modeled in a similar way to the existing Pell Grant calculations.

In order to accomplish this, much of the existing rules data set up to support Pell processing is used for ACG, SMART and TEACH awards. Pell Packaging Options on the Packaging Options Form (RPROPTS) which were previously used exclusively for Pell award and disbursement calculations are now also used to calculate award and disbursement amounts for ACG, SMART, and TEACH awards.

Pell Award Percent values found on the Fund Award and Disbursement Schedule Rules Form (RFRASCH) and the Default Award and Disbursement Schedule Rules Form (RFRDEFA) will now also be used in the calculation of ACG, SMART and TEACH awards.

Note

Please refer to the *Banner Financial Aid 8.4.2 Release Guide* for a more comprehensive functional and technical description of this enhancement at the Banner baseline level. The information that follows is cross-referenced in that guide. ■

Changed Web Pages

Award for Aid Year Page (bwrkrhst.P_DispAwdAidYear)

Accept Award Offer Tab

Modifications were made on the Accept Award Offer Tab to not display the **Accept Partial Amount** field for ACG, SMART, and Teach Grant funds. An applicant is allowed to accept or decline the award in its entirety.

3 Award Lock Enhancement - Technical



Changed Web Packages

BWRKRHST Package

Package specification	bwrkrhst.sql
Package body	bwrkrhs1.sql

F_AllowWebUpdate

The select was modified so locked awards (`rprawrd_lock_ind IN ('Y','E')`) or awards with locked award schedule entries (`rpratrm_lock_ind IN ('Y','E')`) where the `robinst_upd_locked_award_ind = 'Y'` will allow updates.

P_AwardOfferSubmitOption

If the award is locked (`rprawrd_lock_ind IN ('Y','E')`) or has locked award schedule entries (`rpratrm_lock_ind IN ('Y','E')`) and the `robinst_upd_locked_award_ind = 'Y'` do not allow partial amounts.



4 2009-2010 COD ACG, SMART and TEACH Calculation - Technical



Changed Packages/Procedures/Functions

Financial Aid Web Processing Package (BWRKRHST)

Package body: `bwrkrhs1.sql`

Starting with aid year 2009-2010 (`ROBINST_AIDY_END_YEAR > 2009`), you can no longer perform a partial acceptance of ACG, SMART, and TEACH awards from Banner Financial Aid Self-Service. If the Federal Fund ID is ACG, SMRT, or TCH, a student can accept the full award, but cannot accept a partial award on the Accept Award Offer tab.



5 Problem Resolutions



The following is a summary of the problem resolutions included in Banner Financial Aid Self-Service Release 8.4.1. The detailed description, impact, and resolution information for each problem resolution is delivered in a separate `.txt` file. The file for this release is named `faidss80401resolutions.txt`.

Object Name	Defect #	Summary
BWRKRHS1	1-5E8LJZ	Funds not flagged for Automatic Scheduling are not displayed on the Award for Aid Year page
BWRKRHST	1-514IYA	Only one fund message shows on the Award Overview and Accept Award Offer page.
BWRKTRKR	1-50VB2C	Promissory Note requirement appearing in SSB when <code>RFRPROM_DL_NOTE_STATUS</code> is null and A

