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Unit Record Report

Submitting the 2014-15 Report Via the Portal

Webinar Training Presentation
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Purpose of the Unit Record Report

- Provide institutional reports and profiles
- Assess the needs of students
- Guide legislative and other policy decisions
- Inform changes to state aid programs
- Minimize ad hoc data requests to institutions

Timeline

URR Manual available electronically:

http://www.wsac.wa.gov/unit-record

August 17: Unit Record Report (URR) application opens

October 9: Finalized report due

October/November: WSAC analysis

December: Reports to policy makers

January 2016: Institutional profiles available

Manual Overview

- **Introduction**
  - Overview, purpose, changes, and timeline
- **Chapter 1 – General Instructions**
- **Chapter 2 – Data Definitions**
- **Chapter 3 – Reporting Application User's Guide**
- **Appendices**

Manual Overview

- **Appendices**

A – Need-Based and Non-Need Based Program Recipients to Report

B – Record Layout – File Format and Valid Inputs

C – System Edits that Prevent File Upload & Import

D – Quick Lookup by Financial Aid Program

E – Quick Lookup by Unit Record Report Field Name

Portal CSV File Submission

- **Building a CSV file for submission**
  - Report only students who received financial aid based on the 2014-15 FAFSA year
  - Report files in CSV format with a header row
  - Review the field definitions in Chapter 2 of the Manual and the record layout in Appendices B and C to determine valid field content

Reporting Requirements

- **Determine which students to report**
  - Need-Based Recipients – 2014-15 FAFSA required
  - Need-Based Aid Recipients – other programs where FAFSA data may or may not be available
  - Non-Need Based Federal Loan Recipients (i.e., Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Federal Parent PLUS Loans, and Federal Grad PLUS Loans)

Appendix A in the Manual details these categories

Reporting Requirements

- **Need-Based Recipients**
  - Intent is to capture all financial aid disbursements in a Unit Record Report
  - Report this year all financial aid received based on filing of the 2014-15 FAFSA
  - Report on next year's URR all financial aid received based on the 2015-16 FAFSA

Programs to Report

- **Need-Based Recipients – FAFSA fields required**
  - Federal Pell Grant
  - Federal SEOG
  - Federal Work Study
  - Federal Perkins Loan
  - Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
  - State Need Grant
  - College Bound Scholarship
  - Passport to College Scholarship
  - State Work Study (On- and Off-Campus)
  - Need-Based Institutional Gift Aid

Programs to Report

- **Need-Based Recipients – Other Programs**
  - Federal TEACH Grant
  - Federal Health Professional Scholarships & Grants
  - Federal Health Professional Loans
  - GET Ready for Math & Science
  - Opportunity Scholarship
  - SBCTC Opportunity Grant
  - Other State Funded Assistance
  - Worker Retraining Program Funds
  - Need-Based Institutional Gift Aid
  - Institutional Employment (if need based)

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFE&T or BFET)

- If your need-based recipients receive BFET funds and they are easily reportable from your system, include the amounts received for the same period of time reported on for your recipients.

- Should be reported as WorkForceTrainingFunds

Programs to Report

- **Federal Non-Need Based Loan Recipients**
  - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
  - Federal Parent PLUS Loan
  - Federal Grad PLUS Loan

Note: The information reported will be minimal for Federal loan recipients who are not also receiving need-based assistance.

Changes for 2014-15 Portal

- **Refer to Page iii in the Manual**
- **Consistency with other WSAC Reporting**
  - SNG, CBS, and Passport funds reported will be compared with Final Interim Report and other Portal records by recipient.
  - Individual differences greater than $10 will generate an overrideable error edit at file upload.

Changes for 2014-15 Portal

- **WASFA Data in Absence of FAFSA**
  - Report WASFA data if FAFSA information is not available and the student received need-based assistance and only filed a WASFA.
  - This applies mainly to DREAMers who received SNG in 2014-15.

Changes for 2014-15 Portal

- Field Rule Changes
  - SSN Field - Students Reported in Interim Report (IR)
    - Must match IR data previously submitted or receive upload error
    - If missing from URR but reported in Interim Report, appears as difference in SNG/CBS/Passport Discrepancy Report
    - Order of preference
      - Social Security Number
      - Nine-digit tax identification number
      - WASFA applicant identification number

Changes for 2014-15 Portal

- **Field Rule Changes, continued:**
  - **SSN Field - Students Not Reported in Interim Report**

    Populate SSN field with nine-digit number used in your institutional reporting

  - **Year In School**

    Code '8' or 'Other' – Use to report need-based aid for Running Start students or other students who have not yet graduated from high school

Changes for 2014-15 Portal

- **Valid Input Range Changes**

Category	Old Value	New Value
Family Income	-200000 to 500000	-300000 to 600000
Cost of Attendance	0 to 200000	0 to 250000
Expected Family Contribution	0 to 200000	0 to 250000
Need Amount	0 to 200000	0 to 250000
Federal Pell Grant	0 to 5650	0 to 5730
Federal Direct Subsidized Loans	0 to 17000	0 to 20000
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans	0 to 82000	0 to 90000

Changes for 2014-15 Portal

- **Family Income**
  - Report actual family income amounts even if higher or lower than the system edit amounts
  - Indicate "actual income reported on FAFSA (or WASFA)" if an edit occurs
- **Need Amount**

  Adjust any negative need amounts to zero. Should you not do this, WSAC will adjust all negatives to zero.

Early Announcement – Changes considered for 2015-16 Unit Record Report

- **Reporting of tuition waiver dollars for SNG and CBS recipients**
  - Include full or partial tuition waivers
  - Cost of attendance to reflect tuition prior to application of waiver
  - Report waivers as a financial aid resource in Need-Based Institutional Gift Aid, or Non-Need Based Institutional Gift Aid
  - Not required until 2015-16 URR
  - Institutions are encouraged to report it this way in the 2014-15 URR, if possible

Reporting Requirements

- **For all financial aid recipients reported**
  - Fields required:
    - **SSN**
    - **First Name**
    - **Last Name**
    - **Gender**
    - **Is State Resident**
    - **Year In School**
    - **Financial Aid per term – even if '0'**
    - **Enrollment Status per term**
  - Report Financial Aid for each of five terms
  - Report Enrollment Status for each of five terms
  - Report non-need based aid received for all need-based recipients

Reporting Requirements

- **CSV file requires header row (sample is available)**
- **Financial aid reported for each of five terms:**
  - Summer 1 (used primarily for leader/header awards)
  - Fall
  - Winter (semester schools to report as zeros ‘0’)
  - Spring
  - Summer 2 (used primarily for trailer awards)

Reporting Requirements

- **When to include summer aid in your reporting**
  - Review Chapter 2 of Manual for detailed information
  - Summer aid reported are amounts received based on 2014-15 FAFSA or WASFA
  - In general:
    - Leader/Header schools to report Summer 1 aid (Report Summer 2 as '0')
    - Trailer schools to report Summer 2 aid (Report Summer 1 as '0')
  - If recipient enrolled more than one "term" in same summer – Report total amount received and enrollment status as one enrollment term

FAFSA Related Fields

- **Fields to also report for 2014-15 FAFSA & WASFA filers**
  - Marital Status
  - Is Dependent
  - Family Size
  - Number in College
  - Family Income
  - Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
  - Cost of Attendance (COA)
  - Need Duration
  - Need Amount

SPECIAL NOTES
ABOUT SELECTED FIELDS

Social Security Numbers

- Duplicates are not accepted
  - Files containing duplicate SSNs will not upload
- SSNs of State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship recipients will be compared to the SSNs reported in the SNG/CBS July final Interim Report
- SSNs of Passport to College recipients will be compared to recipient Portal records
- Discrepancies will show on edit reports

Year in School

‘1’ or ‘Freshman/1st Year’ ‘2’ or ‘Sophomore/ 2nd Year’ ‘3’ or ‘Junior/3rd Year’ 4’ or ‘Senior/4th Year’ ‘5’ or Unclassified/5th Year’ ‘6’ or ‘Graduate’ ‘7’ or ‘Professional’ ‘8’ or ‘Other’	Required for all recipients. Report the status as of the beginning of the term of the recipient’s last financial aid disbursement for the 2014-15 year.

Year in School – Reminders

- Do not automatically use the Year in School reported on FAFSA or WASFA
- Report the highest Year in School for which the student attended when the student's financial aid was disbursed
- Code '8' or 'Other' – Use to report need-based aid for Running Start students or other students who have not yet graduated from high school

Family Information

- **Family Size**
  - Generally reported from the FAFSA or WASFA
  - Must be 2 or higher for dependent students
  - Must be 1 or higher for independent students
- **Number in College**
  - Must be 1 or higher
  - Cannot exceed the Family Size
  - Parents' enrollment in college should not be included unless it was a professional judgment

Family Income

- **Report the Family Income (taxable and untaxed) based on a review of the 2014-15 FAFSA or WASFA**
  - Often will be the 2013 income from FAFSA or WASFA
  - If a professional judgment decision was made, report that income
  - Report integers without dollar signs or cents (e.g., 44010 and -10123)
  - The only place in the file where negative numbers can be used

Expected Family Contribution

- **Report the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**
  - Often will be the Federal Methodology calculation produced by U.S. Department of Education based on the 2014-15 FAFSA, or WASFA
  - May be adjusted by professional judgment decisions
  - Should reflect the number of months reported in Need Duration

Cost of Attendance

- Most campuses use several student budgets to reflect changes in living expenses
- Report the student budget amount related to Need Amount
- Should be based on the number of months reported in Need Duration

Need Amount

Cost of Attendance

- Expected Family Contribution

= Need Amount

- Base all three items on number of months reported in Need Duration
- For Need Amount, report the amount used in the disbursement of aid
- Report Need Amount as '0' or higher (do not report negative values)

Need Duration

- Report Need Duration based on the number of months for which the Need Amount and Cost of Attendance were reported

- Normally report as integers from 1-12

Term Enrollment Status

Undergraduate Enrollment Status	Credits	Scheduled Clock Hours	URR Codes
Not Enrolled	n/a	n/a	‘0’ or ‘Not enrolled’
Full-Time	12 or more	300 or more	‘1’ or ‘Full time’
Half-Time	6 – 8	150 – 224	‘2’ or ‘Half time’
Three-Quarter Time	9 – 11	225 – 299	‘3’ or ‘3/4 time’
Less Than Half-Time	Less than 6	Less than 150	‘5’ or ‘< Half time’

Reporting Term Enrollment

Approximate Term Date Ranges for Clock-Hour Institutions

Term	From	To
Summer 1	July 1, 2014	September 11, 2014
Fall	September 12, 2014	November 22, 2014
Winter	November 23, 2014	February 5, 2015
Spring	February 6, 2015	April 18, 2015
Summer 2	April 19, 2015	June 30, 2015

State Need Grant

- Report the final awards received by the student
- The Unit Record Reporting tool checks against SNG Final Interim Report – Critical
- Review the "SNG Students Not Reported" report to verify all SNG recipients and awards are correctly reported

College Bound Scholarship

- Report the final awards received by the student
- The Unit Record Reporting tool checks against SNG Final Interim Report – Critical
- Review the "College Bound Scholarship Not Reported" report to verify College Bound recipients and awards are correctly reported

State Work Study

- Separate on-campus & off-campus employment
- Report students' total gross earnings, including employer match or institutional share
- Include summer employment
- Report either:
  - Actual gross earnings based on monthly cut-off dates or institutional payroll dates
  - Average gross term earnings over the academic year for all terms student was enrolled at least half-time

Institutional Gift Aid

- **Report Institutional Gift Aid as either:**
  - Need-Based Institutional Gift Aid – all institutional grants, scholarships, and/or waivers awarded solely or partially on a review of the 2014-15 FAFSA
  - Non-Need Based Institutional Gift Aid – all institutional grants, scholarships, and/or waivers awarded without regard to the FAFSA

Other State Funded Gift Assistance

- **Report sources of state aid not reported elsewhere.** Examples include:
  - American Indian Endowed Scholarship
  - GEAR UP (include SETA, and GET funds for GEAR UP)
  - Washington Scholars
  - Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE)

EDITS

Edits to Ensure Data Quality

- Edits help ensure data quality
- Edits are “softened” for students receiving only Non-Need Based Federal Loans
- FAFSA related edits also are “softened” for students not receiving FAFSA (or WASFA) required aid types

Edits that Prevent File Upload

- **Refer to Appendix C (page 39) in the Manual**

Examples of errors that prevent upload

- Header row missing or invalid
- Duplicate SSNs
- Invalid codes
- Blanks reported in required fields

Be sure to review all 12 items!

Non-Overrideable Edit Examples

- **Refer to Appendix C (page 40 - 41) in the Manual**
  - No financial aid reported
  - Non-resident with SNG or other state aid
  - Number in College greater than Family Size

Overrideable Edit Examples

- **Refer to Appendix C (pages 40 – 41) – Field Content**
  - Need Amount is Zero with Need-Based Aid

    Budget changed with dropped credits
  - Year in School for Aid Type (Federal Grad PLUS Loan)

    Student graduated mid-year
  - Date of Birth outside of normal range
  - Cost of Attendance minus Expected Family Contribution (calculated by the edit program) does not equal Need Amount reported by college

Tips and Best Practices

- Upload your CSV file early – don't wait for the deadline!
- Review 2014-15 URR Manual and training materials, and test upload using the Portal training environment:

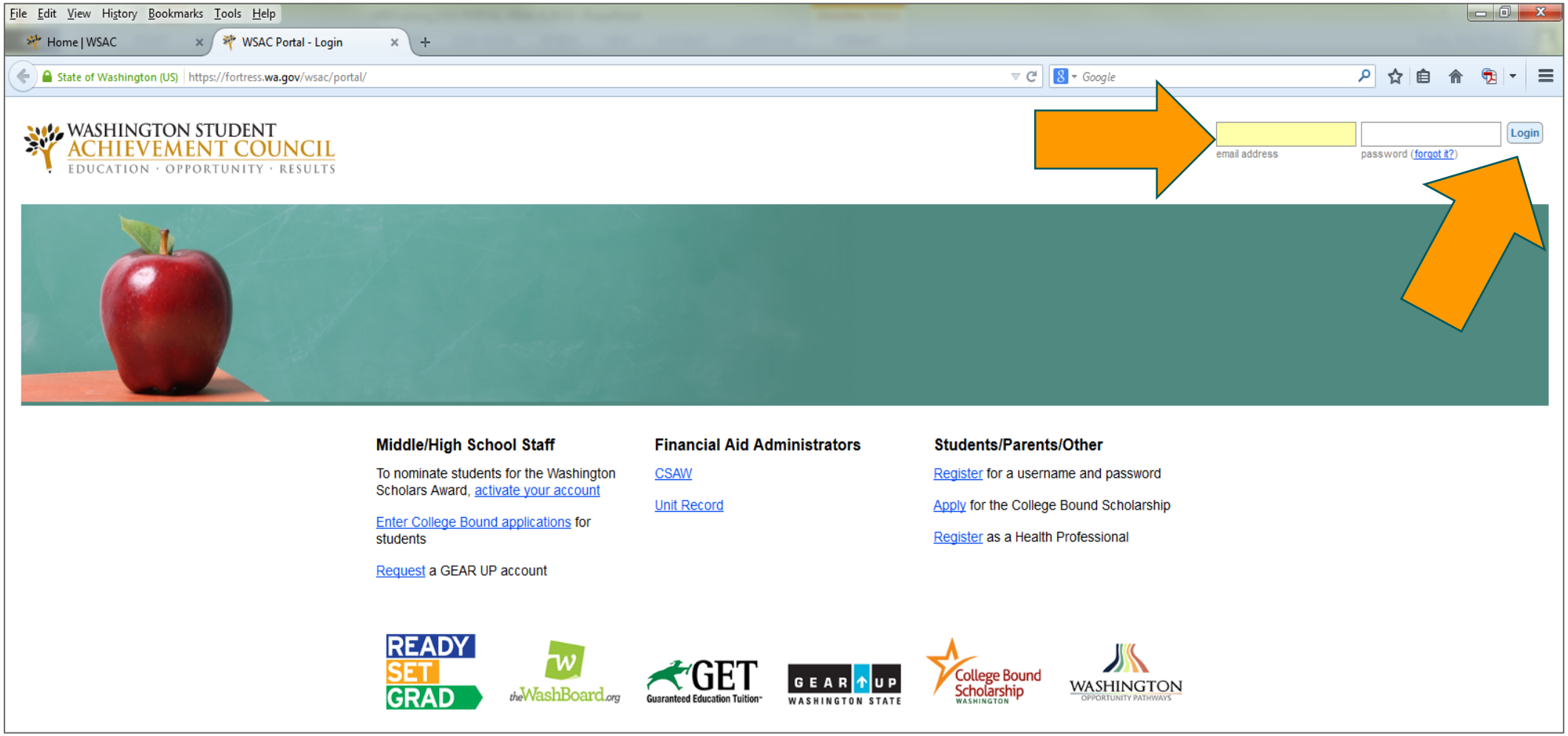
https://fortress.wa.gov/wsac/portaltraining/

(Data entered is temporary; information clears overnight)

- Use URR informational reports to check for consistency & validity
- CTCs – Review SBCTC 2014-15 URR Manual when available
- Contact us with questions or problems not addressed in Manual

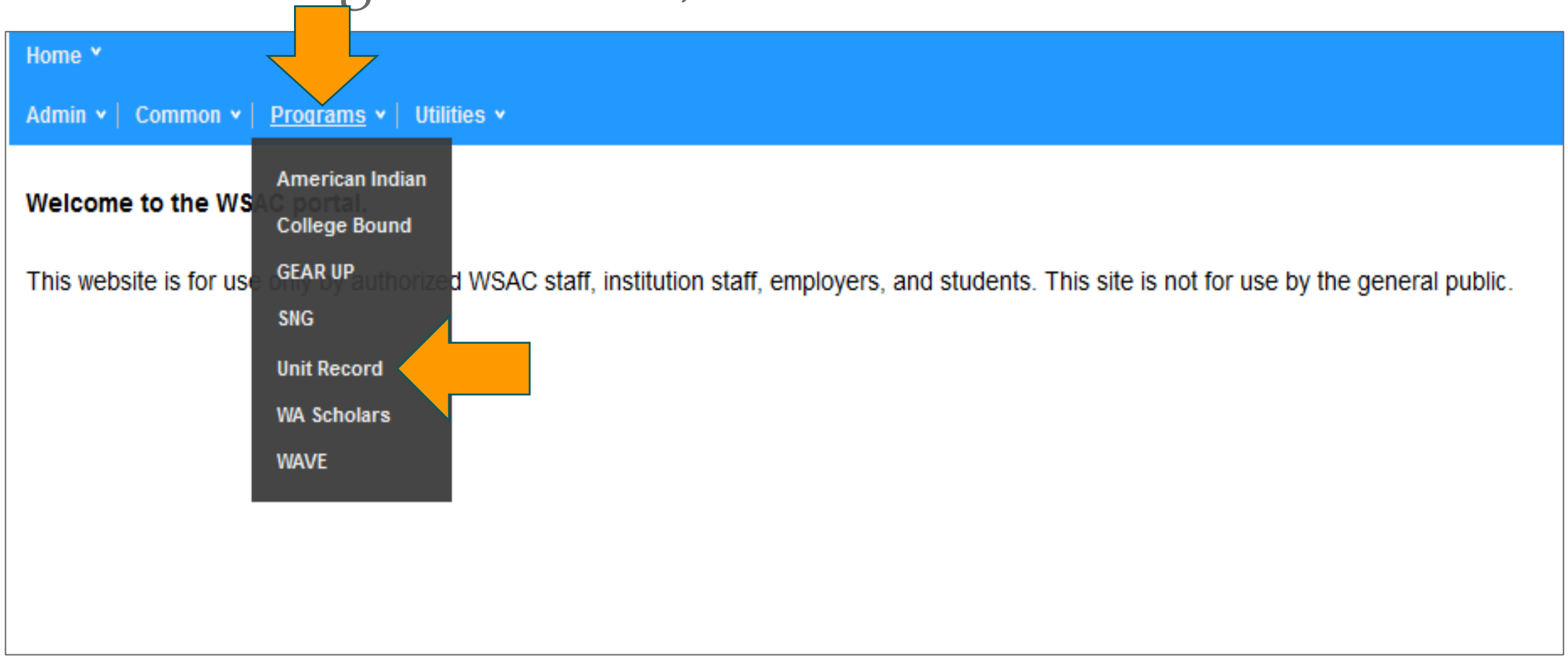
USING THE WEB APPLICATION

Logon to the Portal
https://fortress.wa.gov/wsac/portal/



URR Portal Submission Tool

In the Programs menu, click on Unit Record.



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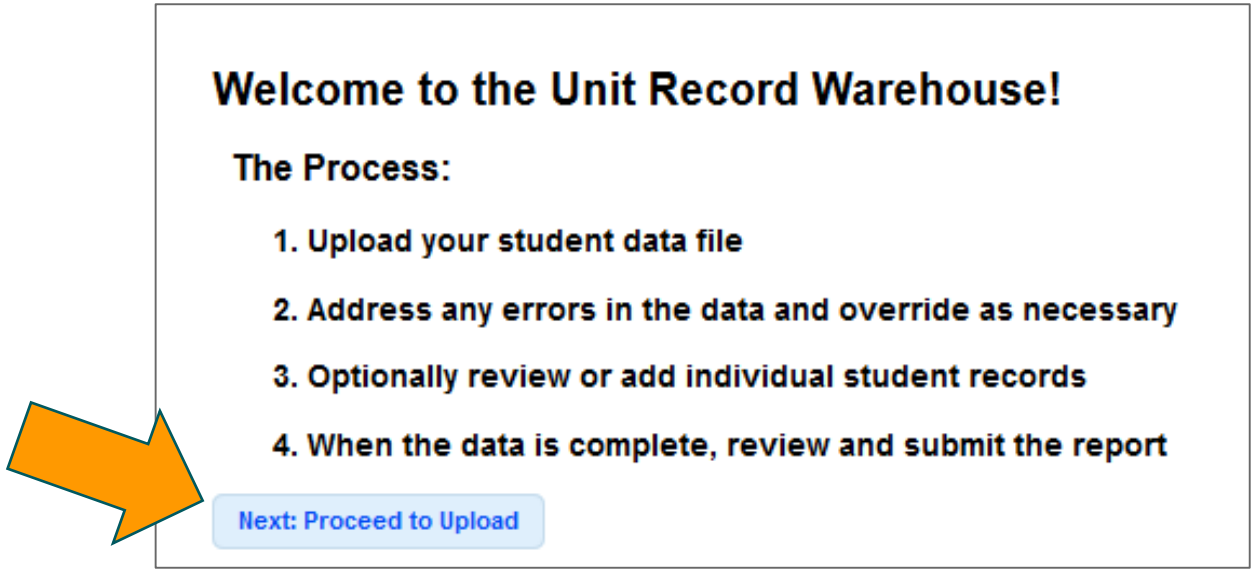
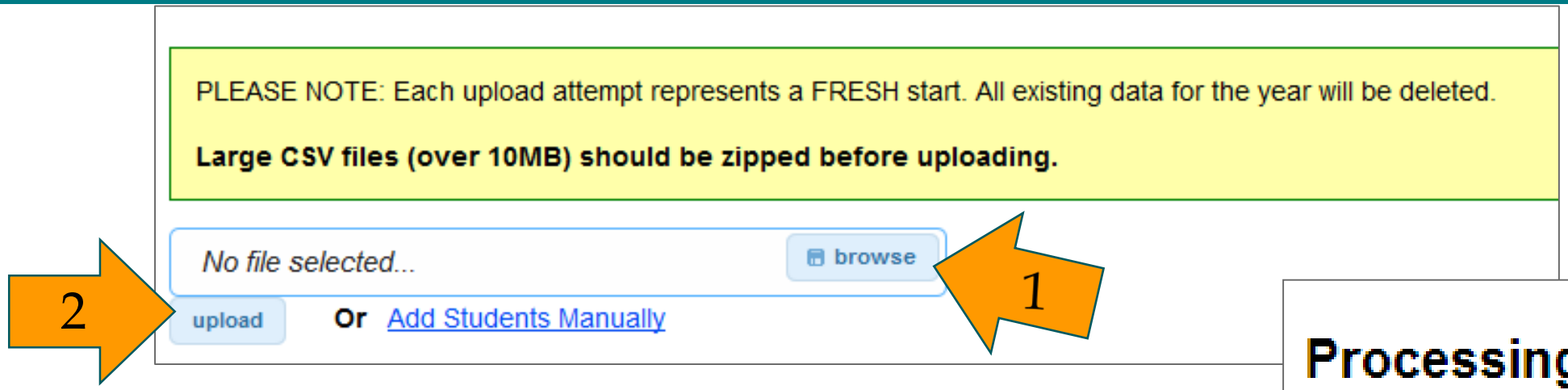
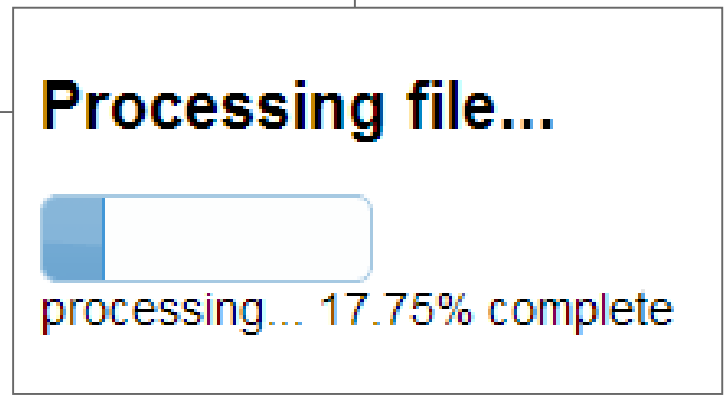


- The welcome screen will appear on your first login.
- From the welcome screen, click on "Next: Proceed to Upload."
- If logging in after URR data has been entered, you will be taken directly to the current step: "Ready to Begin," "In Progress," or "Submitted."

Uploading Data From File





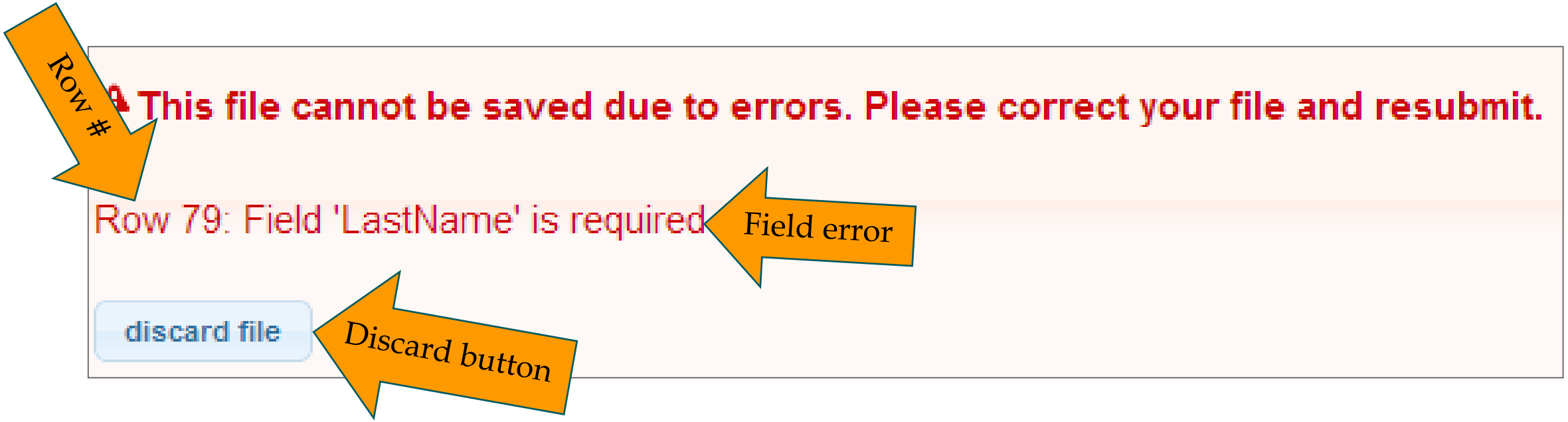
1. Browse to select a CSV File.

2. Upload.

A progress bar allows users to see how much of the file has been reviewed for upload errors.

Uploading Data From File

Error message(s) appear if the file fails the upload process.

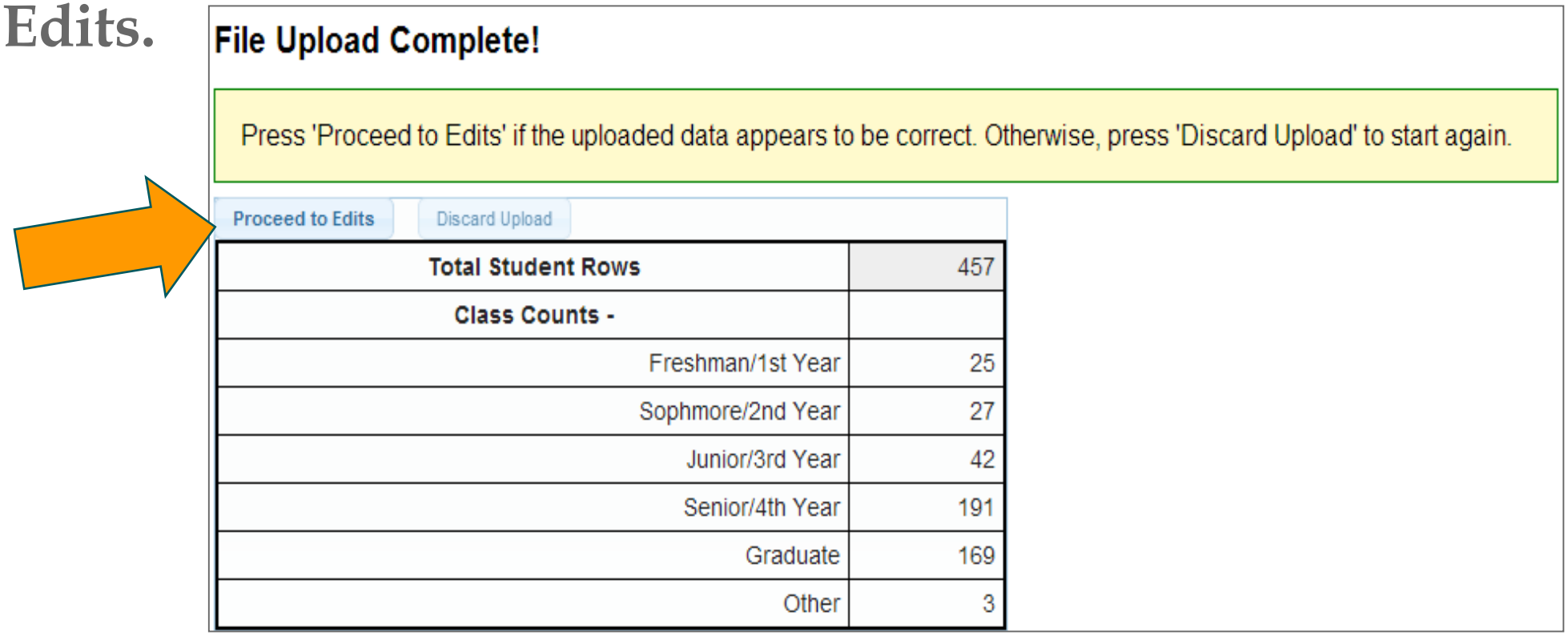


Discard the file, correct the error, and re-upload.

Uploading Data From File

Once the file upload is complete, verify the total number of students and the number of students by year in school.

Proceed to Edits.



File Upload Complete!

Press 'Proceed to Edits' if the uploaded data appears to be correct. Otherwise, press 'Discard Upload' to start again.

Proceed to Edits | Discard Upload

Total Student Rows	457
Class Counts -	
Freshman/1st Year	25
Sophmore/2nd Year	27
Junior/3rd Year	42
Senior/4th Year	191
Graduate	169
Other	3

Processing Edits

This may take a while. Edits can be fixed while the Portal reviews remaining records for edits. Periodically click "Refresh."

processing...

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We're currently processing your edits. You may work on resolving edits as we process them. You can also leave this page or log out and come back when processing is complete.

Alternatively, we can email you a csv download of all your edits once processing completes.

Unit Record Edits

refresh

Showing results 1 - 4 of 4

SSN	Student ID	Last	First	Middle	Error	Overridable
999999559	Stu0484	Smith	A		Student not Enrolled	Overrideable
999999560	Stu0483	Johnson	D	D	College Bound Scholarship award not found in WSAC records	Overrideable

Processing Edits

Filter by Edit Type or Sort by SSN, Student ID, Name, Error message, or Overrideable.

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download all edits into csv | Reprocess Edits | Delete Upload | Add a new unit record to the report

Unit Record Edits

6 errors (5 overridable; 1 overridden; 0 informational)

Filter by Edit Type | Show Informational ☐ | Overridden ☑

SSN	Student ID	Last	First	Middle	Error	Overrideable
999999955	STU0484	Smith	K		Date Of Birth outside expected range	Overridden
999999955	STU0484	Smith	K		Student Id Number must be at least 9 characters for publics	Overrideable
999999955	STU0484	Smith	K		Student not Enrolled	Overrideable
999999955	STU0484	Smith	K		Total aid reported is zero	

Processing Edits

The file cannot be submitted until all Non-Overrideable edits are fixed, and all Overrideable edits are fixed or overridden with a reason.

To override or edit student data, click on student's SSN to open the record.

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999999	tu0483	Johnson	D	D	College Bound Scholarship award not found in WSAC records	Overrideable

Processing Edits

999-99-9559 Smith, A SID: Stu0484 Add a new Unit Record

Errors

Student not Enrolled + Override

Student Demographics and Need | Student Aid

SSN	999999559	Institution Student Id	Stu0484	Marital Status	UnMarried
Last Name	Smith	First Name	A	Middle Name	
Date of Birth	1/29/1987	Is Dependent	Yes / true	Year in School	Senior/4th Year
Gender	Female	Family Size	5	# Family in College	1
		Is State Resident	Yes / true		

Need

+ Cost of Attendance	35352	Total Family Income	7268
- Expected Family Contribution	0	Need Duration (months)	9
= Need Amount	35352		

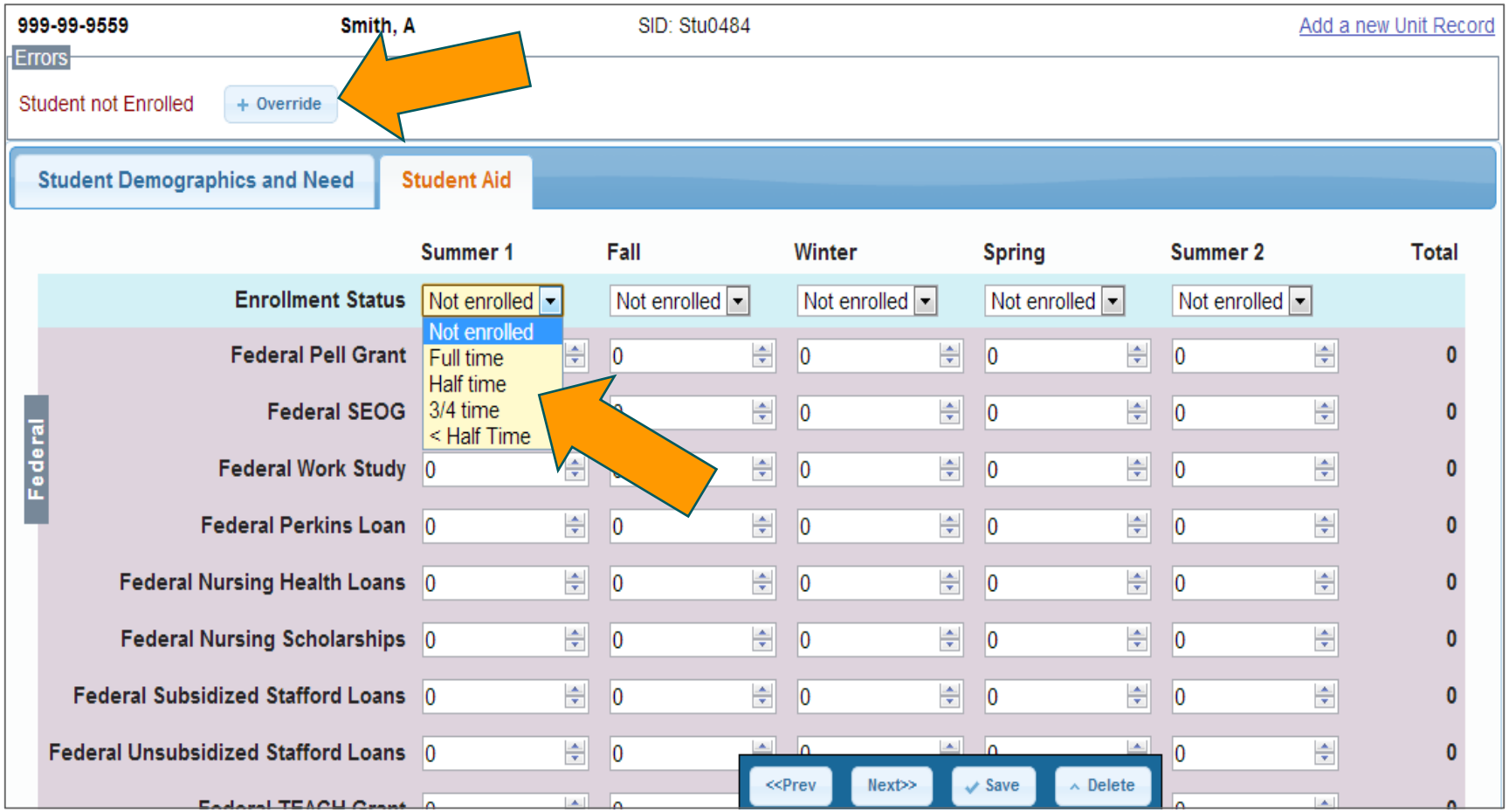
Ethnicity/Race

Is of Hispanic Origin	Yes / true	Is Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	No / false
Is Asian	Yes / true	Is White	Yes / true
Is Black/African American	No / false	Is Other Race	No / false
Is American Indian Alaska Native	No / false		

<<Prev Next>> Save Delete

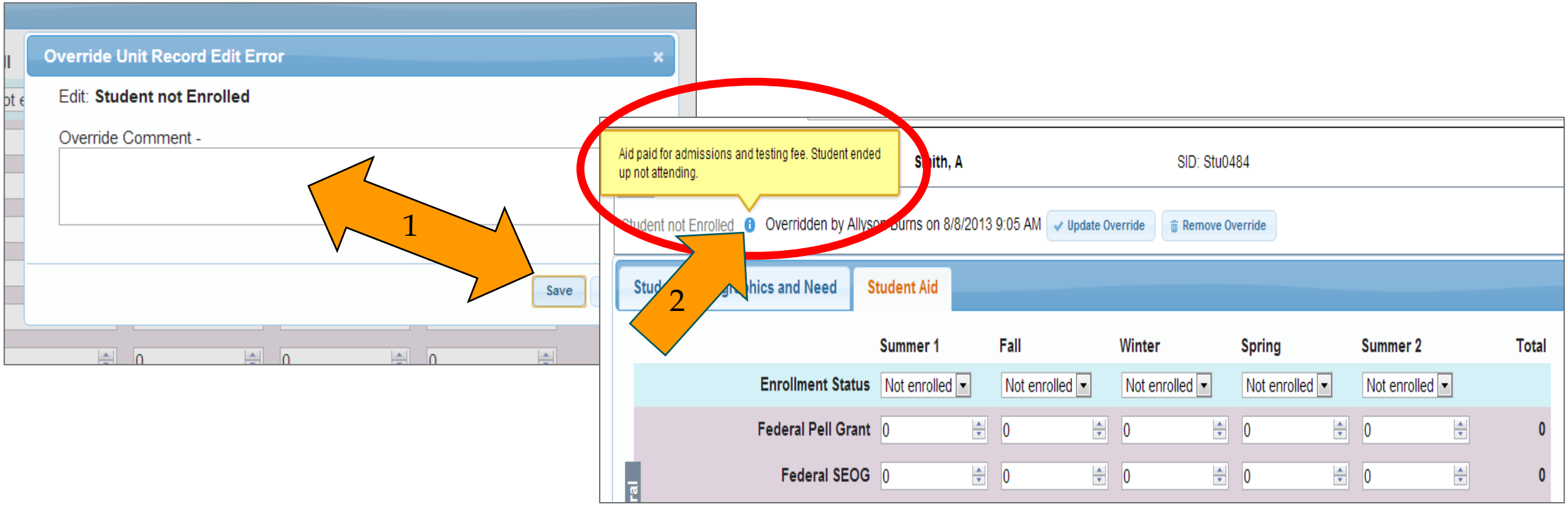
Processing Edits

Edit the data or override with a reason.



Processing Edits

1. If overriding, enter reason in the pop-up box and click "save."
2. Hover mouse over the information icon to review the override reason.



Student Aid Screen

All aid must be reported by term. If the term is not applicable, report "Not enrolled" and '0' funding (typically).

	Summer 1	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer 2
Enrollment Status	Not enrolled	Not enrolled	Not enrolled	Not enrolled	Not enrolled

Federal

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal SEOG
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Nursing Health Loans
- Federal Nursing Scholarships
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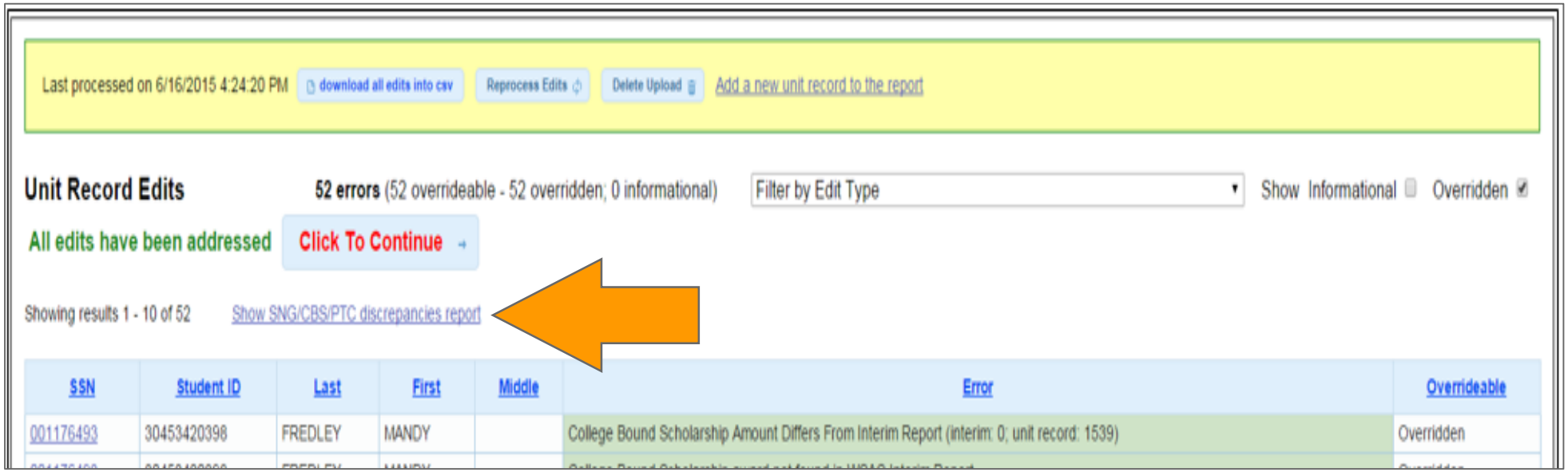
Institution / Other

- Outside Scholarships
- Need Based Institutional Gift Aid
- Non-Need Based Institutional Gift Aid
- Institutional Employment
- Other Agency Assistance
- Other Loans
- Conditional Loans
- Private Loans
- Institutional Loans

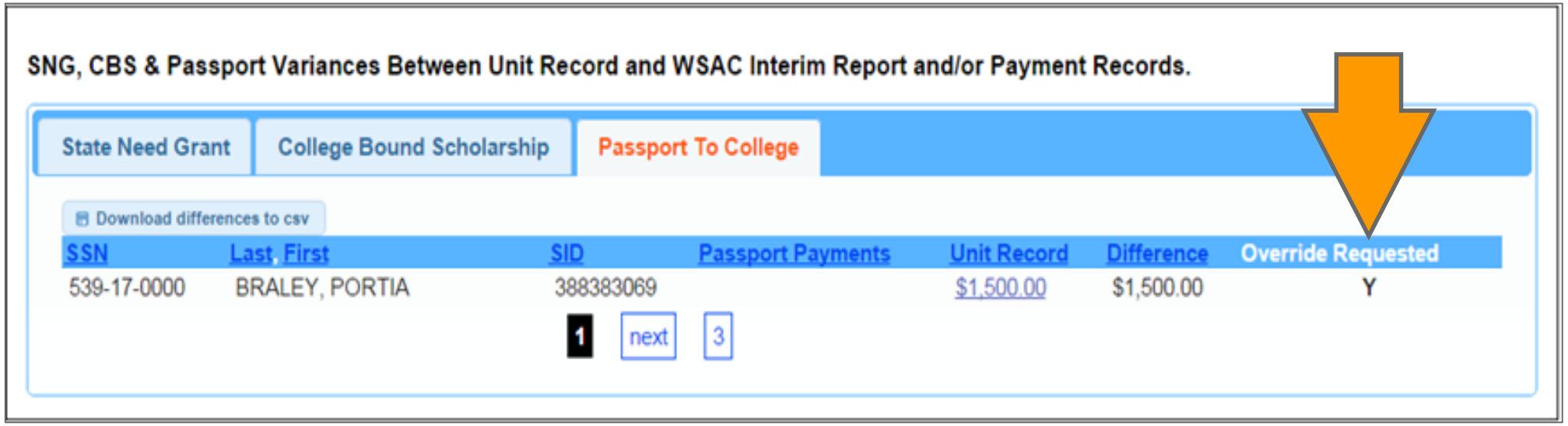
Checking for Missing Data Previously Reported in WSAC Records

Click “Show SNG/CBS/PTC discrepancies report” from the Edit page



Checking for Missing Data Previously Reported in WSAC Records

Discrepancies already overridden are flagged with a 'Y' to differentiate those records from discrepancies not yet addressed



SNG, CBS & Passport Variances Between Unit Record and WSAC Interim Report and/or Payment Records.

State Need Grant | College Bound Scholarship | Passport To College

Download differences to csv

SSN	Last, First	SID	Passport Payments	Unit Record	Difference	Override Requested
539-17-0000	BRALEY, PORTIA	388383069		$1,500.00	$1,500.00	Y

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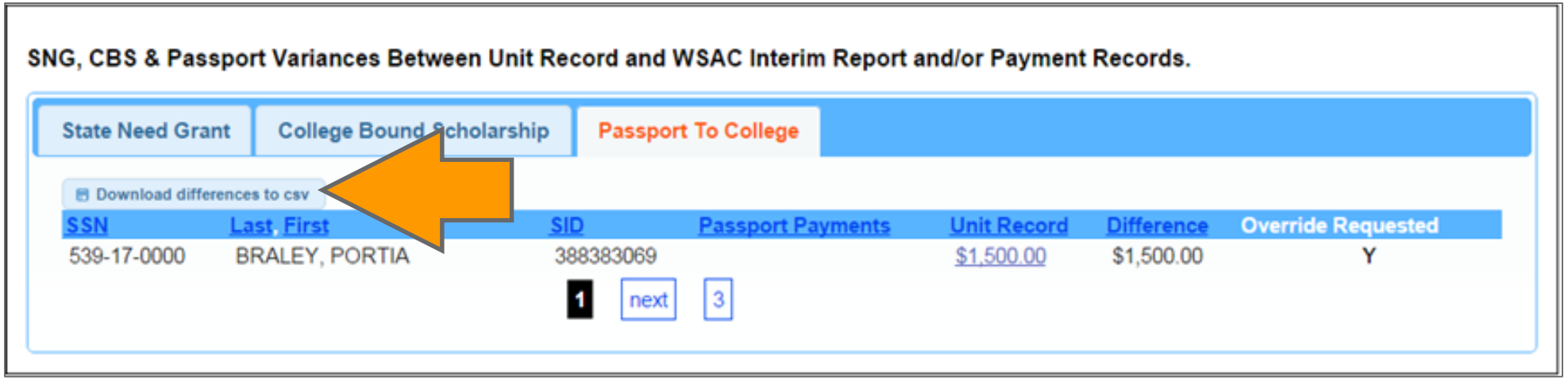
Checking for Missing Data Previously Reported in WSAC Records

If additional discrepancies exist, click "Download differences to .csv" to review a separate file and identify missing student records that must be added or corrected

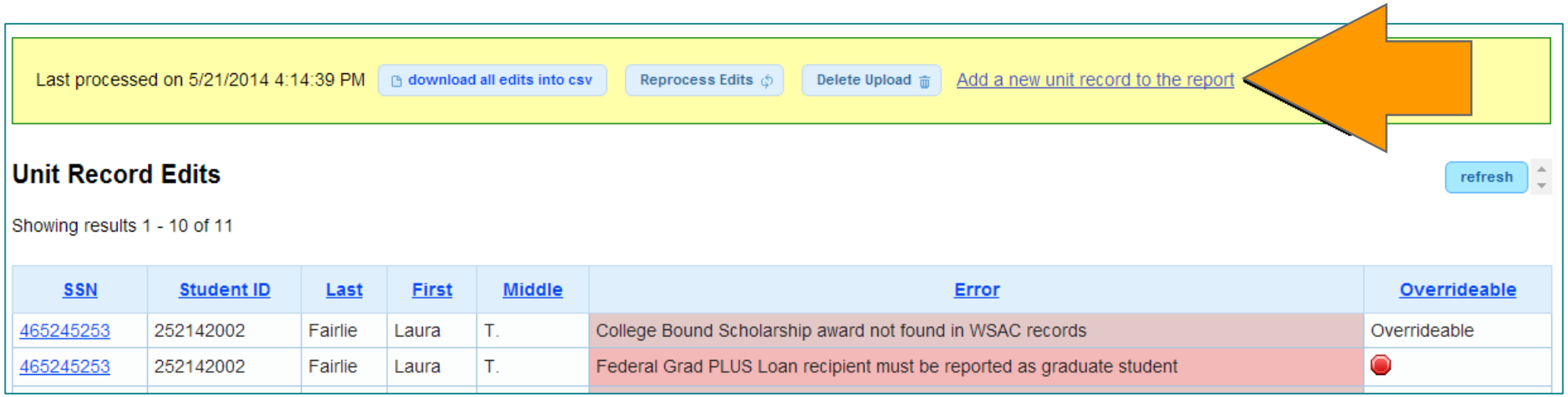


Adding Missing Data to Existing URR Upload Record

To add missing data to an existing record in your upload file, "Search" to locate and edit the student record

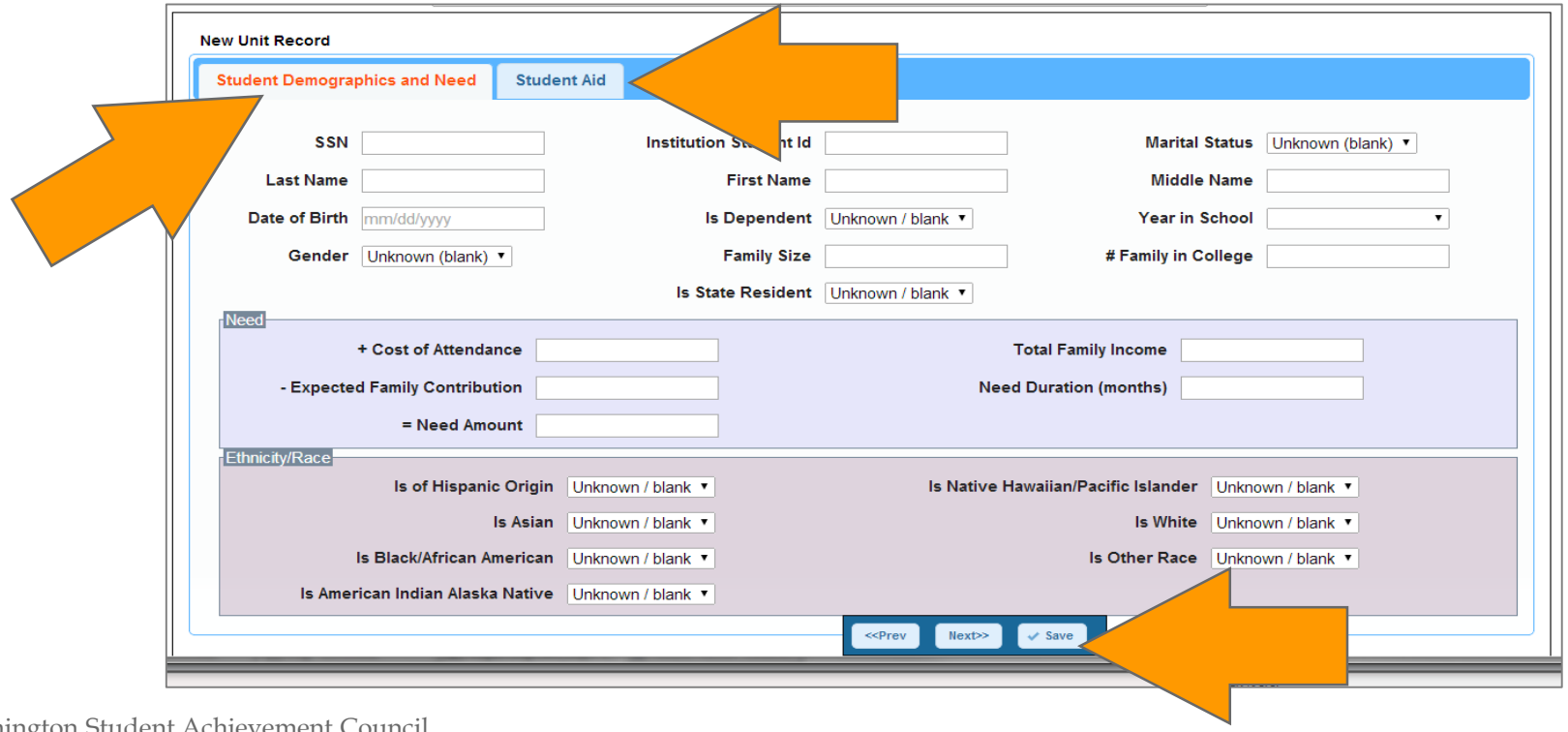
Adding Data for Record Missing from URR Upload

To add a missing student record, click "Add a new unit record to the report" from the Edits page



Adding Data for Record Missing from URR Upload

This will open a new, blank record. Complete the fields in the “Student Demographics and Need” and “Student Aid” tabs. Remember to “Save” your work



Submitting Report

When all errors have been fixed or overridden, click "Submit This Unit Record Report" from the Edits page.

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Unit Record Edits

4 errors (4 overridable - 4 overridden; 0 informational) Filter by Edit Type Show

Informational ☐ Overridden ☑

All edits have been addressed - you may submit your report.

Submit This Unit Record Report

Showing results 1 - 4 of 4

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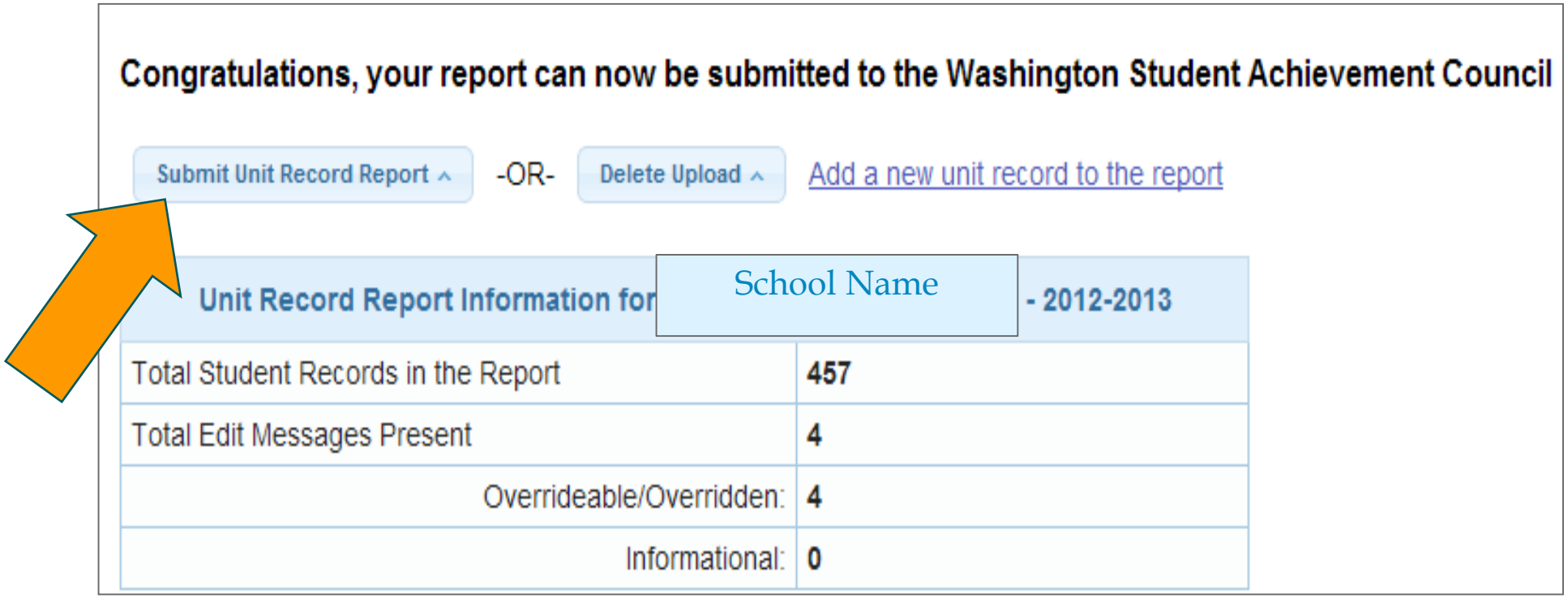
999999573	Stu0470	Jones	S	M	Cost Of Attendance minus EFC does not equal Need	Overridden
999999742	Stu0301	Lee	B	J	State Need Grant award not found in WSAC records	Overridden
999999894	Stu0149	White	S	E	Federal Parent PLUS Loan recipient cannot be reported as graduate student	Overridden

Submitting Report

Review data summary.

Click "Submit Unit Record Report"



Where to go for help

- Review the 2014-15 URR Manual, available online at:

  http://www.wsac.wa.gov/unit-record

- Contact Washington Student Achievement Council staff at:

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