Electronic Personnel Action Forms - Student Submitter’s Handbook
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Welcome to EPAFs!

The Electronic Personnel Action Forms allow supervisors to hire student workers via a secure website from any computer anywhere. The submitters request to hire is electronically submitted and sent to the SEO office where it is further processed and approved. Once approved, the EPAF is electronically sent to the Payroll Office where it is applied to the system and a Banner employee and job record is created for the hired student.

This handbook outlines the process used by campus employers to hire student employees.

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Getting Started – Accessing EPAFs in mySwarthmore

1. Access mySwarthmore through this link https://myswat.swarthmore.edu/pls/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin
   a. Enter your User ID and password. Remember: never share your password!

2. Once logged in, click the Employee link

3. Click the Employee Personnel Action Form link

4. You will be taken to the EPAF main menu
Setting up your Default Routing Queue

In order for your EPAF to be approved and applied to Banner, you must set-up the routing queue for your EPAFs. If you have never submitted an EPAF before, follow these steps in order to set up a default routing queue. If you have submitted EPAFs before and have already set-up your default routing queue, proceed to the Creating a New EPAF section on page 7

a. From the EPAF Menu, Click **EPAF Originator Summary**

   ![EPAF Originator Summary](image1)

b. Click **Default Routing Queue**

   ![Default Routing Queue](image2)

c. Select Approval Category and then Click **Go** (You will need to repeat this for each Approval Category listed)

   ![Select Approval Category](image3)
d. Select User Names from Magnifying Lens and Save. Once you save these defaults, they will automatically be populated for every EPAF you submit with that Approval Category. Please note if the Approver/Applier changes, you will need to reset your defaults, but HR/Payroll will keep you informed of these changes.

i. Currently the User Name entered on line one “25 – (STUAPR) Student EPAF Approvers (SEO)” is JLEONE1

ii. Currently the User Name entered on line two “95 – (APPLY) EPAF Appliers” is KFREMON1

**EPAF Default Routing Queue**

Select an Approval Category and Go. Once the page refreshes, select the Approval Level, User ID and action.

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Save and Add New Rows  

Click here to Save
Creating a New EPAF

1. From the EPAF main menu, select the ‘New EPAF’ link

   Electronic Personnel Action Form
   
   EPAF Originator Summary
   New EPAF
   Act as a Proxy
   
   [ Employee Personnel Action Form ]

   RELEASE: 7.3.3.1

2. Enter Person Information

   New EPAF Person Selection

   Enter an ID, select the link to search for an ID, or generate an ID. Enter the Query Date and select the Approval Category. Select Go.

   Enter Student’s Banner ID number

   Enter Student’s ID number (obtained from Student directly)

   Enter Start Date into Query Date field

   Choose Approval Category based on Student’s Employment History at the College

   Click here

   Start Date: MM/DD/YYYY 08/23/2011

   Approval Category: * Not Selected

   Select this category to hire a student who has never worked on campus previously

   Hire a Student who has NEVER worked on campus before, NEWSTU

   Assign Primary Job to a Student who HAS worked on campus, STUJOB

   Rehire a Student who has worked in the SAME position, REHRST

   NOTE: If you are uncertain of the appropriate approval category, you may review all previous positions held by the student on the following page.
3. Enter Position Information and Suffix

a. Each Department has their own unique Position number associated with a unique Organization.

b. Position numbers can be obtained from the Student Job Listing link under Payroll at the Human Resources Website – www.swarthmore.edu/hr

c. Enter 00 in the Suffix field unless a student has more than one position in your department. If a student has a second job under the same Position number, the suffix will be 01, etc.

d. From this screen you will be able to determine if your student already has a Primary job on campus or if they have multiple jobs in your department. This will aid in entering the correct Suffix as well as the correct Contract Type (i.e. Secondary) on the next page.
Hiring a Student Who has Never Worked on Campus - NEWSTU EPAF

1) Complete the fields below in order to hire a student who has never worked on campus before

- **Enter Title (Case Sensitive) from HR Approved Job List**
- **Enter ORGN that will approve the timesheet**
- **Enter Pay Category from HR Approved Job List (1, 2, or 3)**
- **Enter End Date for Job**
- **Modify the Fund, Organization, Account, and Program defaults if necessary**
- **Click on Magnifying Lens to display Approvers/Appilers Name and Select User Name Listed**
- **Don’t forget to SAVE your EPAF!**
2. **Submit your EPAF**
   
   a. Once you Save your EPAF, you must **Submit** it

   ![Electronic Personnel Action Form](image)

   **Click Submit to Finish**

   ![Confirmation of EPAF Submission](image)

   **Confirmation of EPAF Submission**
   
   – Note the transaction status changes from Waiting to Pending

   ![Transaction Status](image)

   **Transaction Status should change to Pending – this means that the EPAF has been submitted successfully.**

3. Once your Submit your EPAF, you should see this **confirmation message**
Hiring a Student who HAS worked on campus, STUJOB:

1) Complete the fields below in order to hire a student who has never worked on campus before

- **Enter Title (Case Sensitive) from HR Approved Job List**
- **Enter ORGN that will approve the timesheet**
- **Enter Pay Category from HR Approved Job List (1, 2, or 3)**
- **Enter End Date for Job**

This date defaults in based on the date entered on the first screen. Editing the date here may cause errors upon submission.

- **Modify the Fund, Organization, Account, and Program defaults if necessary**

- **Click on Magnifying Lens to display Approvers/Applicants Name and Select User Name Listed**

*NOTE: To default Routing Queue, see page 5

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Re-Hiring a Student into a Previously Held Position – REHRST

1. From New EPAF Job Selection Page (after selecting Rehire EPAF), Click the “All Jobs” button (do not enter the Position Number/Suffix Number again)

2. Select the job you’re rehiring this Student into and

3. Click “Go”

4. Fill in EPAF for a student who has worked in the SAME position, REHRST:
   
   NOTE: Since this is a Rehire EPAF, most items are defaulted in for you and do not have to be re-entered. If there are any changes to the funding of this position, you must contact HR/Payroll as the accounts charged last time will default in.
5. Submit your EPAF
   a. Once you Save your EPAF, you must Submit it
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![Confirmation of EPAF Submission](image)

7. After you have submitted your EPAF, the SEO will further process your transaction and verify that the information is correct and contains an HR approved Job Title and Step (Pay Category). At this point any corrections will be made by the SEO. The SEO will also verify that the student has a current I-9 on file, and has completed their Direct Deposit paperwork; otherwise the EPAF cannot be processed until the student submits their paperwork in person. Once approved by the SEO your EPAF will be applied to the Banner system by our HR/Payroll office. After your EPAF is applied, the student you hired will have a job record in Banner and they are now eligible to start working on campus.

**Congratulations, you hired a Student Worker!**

Make sure to “EXIT” out of your mySwarthmore account when complete and close your browser session!!
Common Error Messages Encountered During EPAF Submission

When submitting EPAFs you may encounter some Error Messages after attempting to submit the EPAF – these messages can direct you to missing information that is required prior to submitting the EPAF. Below is a list of common Error Messages to be aware of and how to continue to submission when encountering one of these messages.

See the following pages for common error messages and how to resolve these error messages
**ERROR:** Invalid Timesheet Organization

**SOLUTION:** Enter a valid Timesheet Organization Code (only 4 numeric digits permitted)
**ERROR:** *Invalid Step*

### Errors and Warning Messages

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### SOLUTION:

Enter a valid Pay Category (Only 1, 2 or 3 will be accepted)

**Note:** Double check Student Master Job Listing on HR website for position pay grade

### Create Student Job, W00075-00 Student Worker 5126

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<td>New Job Labor Distribution Date should be &gt;= query effective date.</td>
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### SOLUTION: In the ‘Create a Labor Dist Rec’ section of the EPAF, update “New Effective Date: MM/DD/YYYY” field to match the Hire/Begin Date

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**Effective Date: 08/16/2011**
ERROR:  *ERROR* First Name, SSN, Birth Date, Sex Code or Ethnic Code incomplete.

**ERROR:** Call HR/Payroll Office and have them verify Student’s Information

ERROR:  User Id(s) must be entered for Routing Queue

SOLUTION: Enter valid User Id(s) in the Routing Queue Section of the EPAF. See Page 5 of documentation for instructions on how to set up Routing Queue defaults.

ERROR:  *ERROR* This employee already has a primary job.

SOLUTION: Change the Contract Type from Primary to Secondary. Save and Submit

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