# Smarter Select

## PASO ROBLES CASE STUDY

Streamlining Scholarship Management with SmarterSelect



CLIENT TYPE High School

**PRIMARY VALUES** 

Saved Time, Improved Application Distribution Process to Grantors

#### USE CASE

Applications and Distribution to Grantors

## SITUATION

Scholarship application management can be a daunting task for both high schools and community foundations. However, SmarterSelect scholarship application management software offers a comprehensive solution that benefits educational institutions and foundations alike.

College and Career Center Counselor Jessica Shatwell of Paso Robles High School said, "We used to have an old-school scholarship program [which meant] copying the papers and applications for all of the kids. We would check who they wanted their applications to go to and then we distributed all that paperwork by hand."

## SOLUTION

The transition to SmarterSelect in 2021 brought about a remarkable improvement in scholarship application management. The software eliminated the need for labor-intensive manual processes, such as copying, distributing and tracking endless amounts of paperwork, and mailing of applications.

Automation streamlined tasks such as data collection and report generation, resulting in significant time savings and reduced administrative workload. This shift in approach not only improved efficiency but also enhanced the overall organization of hundreds of applications.

And Paso Robles has yet to utilize the more advanced features of SmarterSelect to its full capacity.

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There are some higher-end features that [I know] are available through SmarterSelect, but we just use it currently for basic functions... SmarterSelect is great in a lot of different ways, and I know that it has way more potential than what we need right now.

#### - Jessica Shatwell

College and Career Center Counselor, Paso Robles High School

## RESULTS

#### ເບ) Quick to Implement and Easy to Learn

For Jessica Shatwell, she found the program to be easy to use. "I really feel like it was intuitive. We can email students reminders and send out automated emails... the software just makes my job more streamlined and organized."

## Saved Time

Since Paso Robles High School no longer had to check all of the applications by hand, they saved countless hours and got paperwork to grantors faster!

#### More Scholarships Earned

Paso Robles uses SmarterSelect for upwards of 40 different programs. Each with its own scoring metrics and rubrics. Of the 112 students who applied for one of our programs, 72 received scholarships!