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Challenge #2: Create a solution that addresses Indspire's need to match scholarship criteria with eligible students.

Currently, matching students with bursary eligibility criteria is a manual process. Application intake volume has peaks and low points depending on when the deadline is. For example, the deadline for acquiring new sponsors is March 31st. The benchmark for student applications is 7000, from which about 5000 are successful. In total, approximately $18 million in scholarships and bursaries are given out. The goal of the Build Brighter Futures program is to match the highest number of students with funding.

Current Process:
1) Students apply online. (Students from remote communities with broadband issues have the option of mailing in their application.)
2) Students upload the required documents
3) Staff review documents
4) Staff send alerts and notifications through the system. Once applications are complete, they are pushed to the judgment process.
5) Students are scored based on a semi-automatic scoring rubric. Some student information can be automatically ranked, while other information has to be qualitatively assessed.
6) Staff download an excel spreadsheet and format it.

Currently, staff use Smarter Select software, which is automated with scoring. The minimum award is $1,000 and the maximum is $10,000.

Ideal features:
- Scalable to match a greater number of applications

Building Brighter Futures Application
How to Apply to Building Brighter Futures
Student Profile

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