

Scholarship Scams Scam Warning Signs

- You have to pay a fee
- Money-back offers or guarantees
- Credit card or bank account information required
- Provides “exclusive” information

Common Scams

“Phishing”

- Unsolicited emails that bear the logo of your bank or credit card
- Appear legitimate but are traps to lure you into giving out your personal or account information

NEVER give out Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers to unsolicited emails or calls

“Pharming”

- Unsolicited emails that encourage you to visit a website or click on suspicious links
- Make sure your inbox spam filters are up to date

BE CAREFUL about giving out your contact information or email address

Reporting Scams

National Fraud Information Center (NFIC)

File an online complaint at www.fraud.org

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

File an online complaint at www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams, call 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357), or write to: Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20580

State Attorney General’s Office

File your complaint with the Consumer Protection Division in your state. Visit www.naag.org to find your state Attorney General’s Office

US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

File an online complaint involving mail fraud at postalinspectors.uspis.gov, call the Crime Hotline at 877-876-2455 or write to: Inspection Service Support Group
222 S. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 1250
Chicago, IL 60606-6100

Better Business Bureau (BBB)

File an online complaint about a business at www.bbb.org or call 703-276-0100

**Have a Question or
Comment?**

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2016–2017 Calendar

August 2016

5–ACT Registration Deadline for 9/10 Test
19–ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/10 Test

September 2016

1–SAT Registration Deadline for 10/1 Test
10–ACT Test
16–ACT Registration Deadline for 10/22 Test
20–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/1 Test
30–ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/22 Test

October 2016

New start date to begin FAFSA, submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid.
1–SAT & Subject Tests
7–SAT Registration Deadline for 11/5 Test
19–PSAT/NMSQT
22–ACT Test
22–24–NACAC National Conference
25–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/5 Test
Choose AP coordinator

November 2016

2–PSAT/NMSQT
3–SAT Registration Deadline for 12/3 Test
4–ACT Registration Deadline for 12/10 Test
5–SAT & Subject Tests
18–ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/10 Test
22–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/3 Test

December 2016

3–SAT & Subject Tests
10–ACT Test
21–SAT Registration Deadline for 1/21 Test

January 2017

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit
10–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/21 Test
13–ACT Registration Deadline for 2/11 Test
20–ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/11 Test
21–SAT & Subject Tests

February 2017

10–SAT Registration Deadline for 3/11 Test
11–ACT Test (except in NY)
28–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/11 Test

March 2017

3–ACT Registration Deadline for 4/8 Test
11–SAT Test (only)
17–ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/8 Test

April 2017

7–SAT Registration Deadline for 5/6 Test
8–ACT Test
25–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/6 Test

May 2017

1–AP Exams – Week 1, National Candidate’s Reply Date
5–ACT Registration Deadline for 6/10 Test
6–SAT & Subject Tests
8–AP Exams – Week 2
9–SAT Registration Deadline for 6/3 Test
19–ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/10 Test
24–SAT Late Registration Deadline for 6/3 Test

June 2017

3–SAT & Subject Tests
10–ACT Test
30–Last day to submit 2016–2017 FAFSA

July 2017

1–AP scores available by phone, AP grades sent

Summer 2017

Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

Contacts

Associations/Organizations

ACA (American Counseling Association)
800-347-6647
www.counseling.org

ASCA (American School Counselor Association)
800-306-4722 / asca@schoolcounselor.org
www.schoolcounselor.org

The College Board
866-630-9305 / www.collegeboard.com

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
800-822-6285 / info@nacacnet.org
www.nacacnet.org

NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)
202-785-0453 / web@nasfaa.org
www.nasfaa.org

NCAN (National College Access Network)
202-347-4848 / ncan@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org

NSPA (National Scholarship Providers Association)
303-442-2524
aweinstein@scholarshipproviders.org
www.scholarshipproviders.org

Government

U.S. Department of Education
800-USA-LEARN (800-872-5327) / www.ed.gov

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243)
www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAIC (Federal Student Aid Information Center)
800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243)
www.studentaid.ed.gov

NCES (National Center for Education Statistics)
202-502-7300 / www.nces.ed.gov

Testing

ACT (American College Testing)
319-337-1000 / www.actstudent.org

AP (Advanced Placement)
888-CALL-4-AP (888-225-5427)
apexams@info.collegeboard.org
apcentral.collegeboard.com

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)
800-257-9558 / clep.collegeboard.org

PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
866-433-7728 / psathelp@info.collegeboard.org
888-477-PSAT (888-477-7728)–Counselor Hotline
www.collegeboard.com/psat

SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) Subject Tests
866-756-7346
888-SAT-HELP (888-728-4357) Counselor Hotline
www.sat.collegeboard.org

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Web Resources

Sources of Aid

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

College Savings Plan Network
www.collegesavings.org

AmeriCorps
www.americorps.gov

City Year
www.cityyear.org

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
profileonline.collegeboard.com

Direct Loans
www.direct.ed.gov

Student Loans
www.studentloans.gov

College Admissions

College Search
www.fastweb.com/college-search

Educational Opportunity
www.opportunity.gov

College
www.college.gov

NACAC College Fairs
www.nacacnet.org/eventstraining/collegefairs/pages/default.aspx

Common Application
www.commonapp.org

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA PIN Registration
www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA 4Caster
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Job Corps
www.jobcorps.gov

Resources by State
www.finaid.org/state

Student Tax Info
www.irs.gov/individuals/students

Choosing a Major/Career

Monster
www.monster.com

MonsterCollege
www.monstercollege.com

Bureau of Labor Statistics
www.stats.bls.gov

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

Higher Ed News

Chronicle of Higher Education
www.chronicle.com

Higher Education Watch
www.higheredwatch.org

Inside Higher Ed
www.insidehighered.com

Financial Aid Information

Fastweb for Educators
www.fastweb.com/educators

FinAid
www.finaid.org

Fastweb College Gold
www.collegegold.com

EduPASS: International Students
www.edupass.org

College Goal Sunday
www.collegegoalsundayusa.org

Federal Student Aid for Counselors
www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid for Students
www.studentaid.ed.gov

IFAP (Information for Financial Aid Professionals)
www.ifap.ed.gov

Mapping Your Future
www.mappingyourfuture.org

NASFAA (National Association of Financial Aid Administrators)
www.nasfaa.org

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
www.nacacnet.org

FTC Project Scholarship Scam
www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

OPE (Office of Postsecondary Education)
www.ed.gov/ope

Guide to Federal Student Aid
www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide

Financial Aid Calculators
www.finaid.org/calculators

Research

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
www.eric.ed.gov

College Insight
www.college-insight.org

National Center for Education Statistics
www.nces.ed.gov

Security on Campus
www.securityoncampus.org

Selective Service System
www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

Student Gateway to U.S. Government
www.students.gov

TRIO Programs
www.coenet.us

U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov

Loan Information

Always borrow federal first. Federal student loans are cheaper, more available and have better repayment terms than private/student loans.

Federal Perkins Loan

For undergrad and grad students

- Undergrad students: loan amount up to \$5,500
- Grad and Professional students: loan amount up to \$8,000
- College is the lender

Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan

For undergrad and grad students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount between \$3,500 and \$5,500, depending on school year
- No interest charged while in school
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

For undergrad and grad students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount between \$6,000 to \$20,500, less subsidized amount
- Student is responsible for interest
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct PLUS Loan for Parents

For parents of dependent students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount is maximum cost of attendance, less any other financial aid
- Parent is responsible for interest
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct PLUS Loan for Grad or Professional Students

For grad or professional students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount is maximum cost of attendance, less any other financial aid Student is responsible for interest
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Private/Alternative Loan

More expensive than Federal student loans

Eligibility, interest rate and fees based on credit scores. For more information on private loans, visit: www.finaid.org/loans