

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

Scams: "Phishing" & "Pharming"

"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 www.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

2013-2014 Calendar

September 2013

National College Savings Month
6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/5 Test
19 - 21 - NACAC's National Conference
20 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/5 Test
21 - ACT Test (Selected States)
27 - ACT Registration Deadline for 10/26 Test

October 2013

Choose AP coordinators if participating
3 - SAT Regular Registration Deadline for 11/2 Test
5 - SAT & Subject Tests
11 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/26 Test
18 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/2 Test
26 - ACT Test

November 2013

2 - SAT & Subject Tests
8 - SAT Registration Deadline for 12/7 Test
8 - ACT Regular Registration Deadline for 12/14 Test
22 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/7 Test
22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/14 Test

December 2013

7 - SAT & Subject Tests
14 - ACT Test
27 - SAT Registration Deadline for 1/25 Test

January 2014

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
10 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/25 Test
10 - ACT Registration Deadline for 2/8 Test
24 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/8 Test
25 - SAT & Subject Tests

February 2014

Financial Aid Awareness Month
Remind students to submit 2013-2014 FAFSA
7 - SAT Registration Deadline for 3/8 Test
8 - ACT Test (except in NY)
21 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/8 Test

March 2014

7 - ACT Registration Deadline for 4/12 Test
8 - SAT Test (only)
21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/12 Test

April 2014

National Financial Literacy Month
4 - SAT Registration Deadline for 5/3 Test
12 - ACT Test
18 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/3 Test

May 2014

1 - National Candidates' Reply Date
3 - SAT & Subject Tests
5 - AP Exams Week 1
9 - SAT Registration Deadline for 6/7 Test
9 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/14 Test
12 - AP Exams - Week 2
23 - Late Registration Deadline for 6/7 Test
23 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/14 Test

June 2014

7 - SAT & Subject Tests
14 - ACT Test
30 - Last day to submit 2012-2013 FAFSA

Summer 2014

Jul - 1 - AP scores available by phone, AP grades sent
Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

Web Resources

Sources of Aid

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

College Savings Plan Network
www.collegesavingsplan.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

Common Application
www.commonapp.org

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

FAFSA PIN Registration
www.pin.ed.gov

FAFSA 4Caster
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Job Corps
www.jobcorps.gov

Resources by State
www.finaid.org/state

Financial Aid Information

FinAid
www.finaid.org

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

Mapping Your Future
www.mappingyourfuture.org

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