

## 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](http://www.fraud.org)

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** File an online complaint at [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bbb.org) or call 703-276-0100

## 2014-2015 Calendar

### August 2014

- 8 - ACT Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test
- 22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test

### September 2014

- 12 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test
- 13 - ACT Test (Selected States)
- 18 - 20 - NACAC National Conference
- 19 - ACT Registration Deadline for 10/25 Test
- 30 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test

### October 2014

- Choose AP coordinators if participating
- 3 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/25 Test
- 9 - SAT Regular Registration Deadline for 11/8 Test
- 11 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 15 - PSAT/NMSQT
- 18 - PSAT/NMSQT
- 25 - ACT Test
- 28 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/8 Test

### November 2014

- 6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test
- 7 - ACT Registration Deadline for 12/13 Test
- 8 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/13 Test
- 24 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test

### December 2014

- 6 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 13 - ACT Test
- 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for 1/24 Test

### January 2015

- Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
- 9 - ACT Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test
- 13 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/24 Test
- 16 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test
- 24 - SAT & Subject Tests

### February 2015

- 7 - ACT Test (except in NY)
- 13 - SAT Registration Deadline for 3/14 Test

### March 2015

- 3 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/14 Test
- 13 - ACT Registration Deadline for 4/18 Test
- 14 - SAT Test (only)
- 27 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/18 Test

### April 2015

- 6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 5/2 Test
- 18 - ACT Test
- 21 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/2 Test

### May 2015

- 1 - National Candidates' Reply Date
- 2 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 4 - AP Exams Week 1
- 8 - SAT Registration Deadline for 6/6 Test
- 8 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/13 Test
- 11 - AP Exams - Week 2
- 22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/13 Test
- 27 - Late Registration Deadline for 6/6 Test

### June 2015

- 6 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 13 - ACT Test
- 30 - Last day to submit 2014-2015 FAFSA

### Summer 2015

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

## Web Resources

### Sources of Aid

**Scholarship Search**  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**College Savings Plan Network**  
[www.collegesavingsplan.org](http://www.collegesavingsplan.org)

**AmeriCorps**  
[www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

**City Year**  
[www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)

**CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**  
[profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com)

**Direct Loans**  
[www.direct.ed.gov](http://www.direct.ed.gov)

**Student Loans**  
[www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

### College Admissions

**College Search**  
[www.fastweb.com/college-search](http://www.fastweb.com/college-search)

**Educational Opportunity**  
[www.opportunity.gov](http://www.opportunity.gov)

**College**  
[www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)

**NACAC College Fairs**  
[www.nacacnet.org/eventstraining/collegefairs/pages/default.aspx](http://www.nacacnet.org/eventstraining/collegefairs/pages/default.aspx)

**Common Application**  
[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**FAFSA PIN Registration**  
[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

**FAFSA 4Caster**  
[www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov)

**Job Corps**  
[www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)

**Resources by State**  
[www.finaid.org/state](http://www.finaid.org/state)

**Student Tax Info**  
[www.irs.gov/individuals/students](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students)

### Choosing a Major/Career

**MonsterCollege**  
[www.monstercollege.com](http://www.monstercollege.com)

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**  
[www.stats.bls.gov](http://www.stats.bls.gov)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook**  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

### Higher Ed News

**Chronicle of Higher Education**  
[www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com)

**Higher Education Watch**  
[www.higheredwatch.org](http://www.higheredwatch.org)

**Inside Higher Ed**  
[www.insidehighered.com](http://www.insidehighered.com)