

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?**

memberservices@fastweb.com

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

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

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

Apply to Scholarships: www.fastweb.com

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

FSA ID Creation

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

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

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