

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 202-326-222, 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: Criminal Investigations Service Center
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

2019–2020 Calendar

August 2019

1-LSAT Registration Deadline – 9/21 Test

September 2019

National College Savings Month

10-LSAT Registration Deadline – 10/28 Test

21-LSAT Test

October 2019

FAFSA application period begins, submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid

4-GRE Registration Deadline – 11/9 Test

10-LSAT Registration Deadline – 11/25 Test

11-GRE Late Registration Deadline – 11/9 Test

28-LSAT Test

November 2019

National Scholarship Month

9-GRE Test

25-LSAT Test

December 2019

3-LSAT (Spanish) Reg. Deadline – 1/11 Test

3-LSAT Registration Deadline – 1/13 Test

27-GRE Registration deadline – 2/1 Test

January 2020

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit

3-GRE Late Registration Deadline – 2/1 Test

7-LSAT Registration Deadline – 2/22 Test

11-LSAT (Spanish) Test

13-LSAT Test

February 2020

Financial Aid Awareness Month

1-GRE Test

11-LSAT Registration Deadline – 3/30 Test

22-LSAT Test

March 2020

10-LSAT Registration Deadline – 4/25 Test

15-Financial Aid award letter distribution begins

30-LSAT Test

April 2020

National Financial Literacy Month

15-Federal income tax due for 2019

25-LSAT Test

May 2020

1-National Candidates’ Reply Date

June 2020

30-Last day to submit 2019–2020 FAFSA

2019–20 National Conferences

9/16 – 9/18/2019-NCAN National Conference

9/26 – 9/28/2019-NACAC National Conference

10/1 – 10/3/2019-NSPA National Conference

11/6 – 11/8/2019-College Board National Forum

6/29 – 7/2/2020-NASFAA National Conference

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Contacts

Associations/Organizations

ACA (American Counseling Association)

800-347-6647 / membership@counseling.org
www.counseling.org

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 / info@nasfaa.org
www.nasfaa.org

NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education)

202-265-7500 / office@naspa.org
www.naspa.org

NCAN (National College Access Network)

202-347-4848 / ncan@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org

NCHER (National Council of Higher Education Resources)

202-822-2106/info@ncher.us/www.ncher.us

NSEA (National Student Employment Association)

800-742-0047/www.nsea.info/nsea@nsea.info

NSPA (National Scholarship Providers Association)

303-442-2524 / nspa@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

FSAIC (Federal Student Aid Information Center)

800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243)
www.studentaidhelp.ed.gov

NCES (National Center for Education Statistics)

202-502-7300 / www.nces.ed.gov

Office of the Inspector General (OIG)

800-MIS-USED (800-647-8733)
www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig

Testing

ACT (American College Testing)

319-337-1270 / www.actstudent.org

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)

212-713-8000 / clep.collegeboard.org

GRE (Graduate Record Examination)

609-771-7670 / www.ets.org/gre

GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test)

800-717-4628 / www.mba.com/us

LSAT (Law School Admissions Test)

215-968-1001 / www.lsac.org

MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test)

202-828-0400 / www.aamc.org

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

212-713-8000
collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

Web Resources

Career Guidance

Monster Career Advice

www.monster.com/career-advice/career-levels/entry-level

Career Planning

www.fastweb.com/career-planning

Bureau of Labor Statistics

www.bls.gov

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco

Fastweb Part-Time Jobs

www.fastweb.com/part-time-jobs

Government Services

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration

www.uscis.gov

Selective Service System

www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov

IFAP (Information for Financial Aid Professionals)

www.ifap.ed.gov

TFAP (Training for Financial Aid Professionals)

www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/training

Higher Ed News & Views

Chronicle of Higher Education

www.chronicle.com

Higher Education Watch

www.higheredwatch.org

Inside Higher Ed

www.insidehighered.com

Student Lending Analytics

www.studentlendinganalytics.com

Research

College Insight

www.college-insight.org

Council on Law in Higher Education

www.clhe.org

Education Resources Info Center

www.eric.ed.gov

FSA Data Center

www.studentaid.gov/sa/data-center

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

nces.ed.gov/ipeds

National Center for Education Statistics

nces.ed.gov

Student Aid Legislation

www.finaid.org/educators/legislation.phtml

Student Tax Info

www.irs.gov/individuals/students

Financial Aid

Important Resources

Fastweb

www.fastweb.com

FinAid

www.finaid.org

Federal Student Aid for Students

studentaid.ed.gov

Financial Aid Calculators

www.finaid.org/calculators

FTC Project Scholarship Scam

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

Mapping Your Future

www.mappingyourfuture.org

The Guide to Federal Student Aid

studentaid.ed.gov/guide

Financial Aid Applications

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

FSA ID Management

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

CSS PROFILE

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.com>

FAFSA 4Caster

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

FAA (Access to Central Processing System)

faaccess.ed.gov

Student Loans and Grants

Common Origination and Disbursement

www.cod.ed.gov

Federal Student Loans

www.studentloans.gov

National Student Loan Data System

www.nsls.ed.gov

Project on Student Debt

www.ticas.org/posd/home

Student Loan Borrower Assistance

www.studentloanborrowerassistance.org

Default Management

ifap.ed.gov/DefaultManagement

Total & Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge

www.disabilitydischarge.com

Student Aid Resources

AmeriCorps

www.americorps.gov

City Year

www.cityyear.org

Student Loans

www.studentloans.gov

EduPASS: International Students

www.edupass.org

State Resources

www.finaid.org/state

State Residence Requirements

www.finaid.org/stateresidency

Federal Loans

US Dept. of Education

The US Dept of Education offers low-interest loans to cover cost of college or career school.

Direct Subsidized Loan

For undergrad students with financial need

School determines amount and may not exceed financial need

Dept of Education pays interest while in school at least half time

Direct Unsubsidized Loan

For undergrad and grad students enrolled no requirement to demonstrate financial need

School determines amount based on cost of attendance and other financial aid

Student is responsible for interest

Direct PLUS Loans

For grad or professional students and parents of dependent undergraduate students

Loan amount is maximum cost of attendance

Credit check required

Dept. of Education is the lender

Private Loans

Students should borrow with federal loans first which are cheaper, more available and have better repayment terms than private/student loans

Eligibility, interest rate and fees for private loans based on credit scores

More information on private/alternative loans at www.finaid.org/loans/

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