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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 202-326-2222, 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.usps.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

2023-2024 Key Dates for High School Students

September 2023
National College Savings Month

October 2023
Remind students: FAFSA 2024-25 application period opens this year in December

November 2023
National Scholarship Month

December 2023
Fill out FAFSA ASAP to maximize chances for aid

January 2024
Remind students: Complete FAFSA & Submit

February 2024
Financial Aid Awareness Month

April 2024
National Financial Literacy Month, Federal income tax due for 2023 – April 15th

May 2024
National Candidates’ Reply Date - May 1st

June 2024
Last day to submit 2024-25 FAFSA - June 30, Order Fastweb materials for 2024-25

2023-2024 Test Information
Below is information on test entities and where to confirm test dates:

ACT (American College Testing)
www.actstudent.org

AP (Advanced Placement)
apcentral.collegeboard.com

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)
clep.collegeboard.org

PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT
(National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat

SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)
Subject Tests
collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

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Fastweb Educator Resources
Share Fastweb with your students, order free printed materials find online tools: www.fastweb.com/educators

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Contacts

Associations/Organizations
ACA (American Counseling Association)
membership@counseling.org
www.counseling.org

ASCA
(American School Counselor Association)
ascia@schoolcounselor.org
www.schoolcounselor.org

The College Board
www.collegeboard.com

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

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

NCAN (National College Access Network)
ncan@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org

NSPA
(National Scholarship Providers Assoc)
nspa@scholarshipproviders.org
www.scholarshipproviders.org

Government Departments

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

FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

FSAIC
(Federal Student Aid Information Center)
www.studentaidhelp.ed.gov

NCES (National Center for Education Statistics)
www.nces.ed.gov

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Financial Aid

Important Resources

Fastweb for Educators
www.fastweb.com/educators

Finaid
www.finaid.org

FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

FSA ID Management
https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm

FAFSA 4Caster
https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/estimate

CSS PROFILE
https://cssprofile.collegeboard.com

Federal Student Aid for Counselors
financialaid toolkit.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

Higher Ed News & Views
Chronicle of Higher Education
www.chronicle.com

Higher Education Watch
www.higheredwatch.org

Inside Higher Ed
www.insidehighered.com

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 Loan
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/

More Student Aid Resources

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

AmeriCorps
www.americorps.gov

City Year
www.city year.org

Student Loans
www.studentaid.gov/loans

EduPASS: International Students
www.edupass.org

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College & Career

College Admissions

College Search
www.fastweb.com/college-search

Common Application
www.commonapp.org

Educational Opportunity Centers Program
www2.ed.gov/programs/trioeoC

Job Corps
www.jobcorps.gov

NACAC College Fairs
www.nacacfair.org

Jobs & Career

Monster Career Advice
www.monster.com/career-advice/career-levels/entry-level

Fastweb Part-Time Jobs
www.fastweb.com/part-time-jobs

Career Planning
www.fastweb.com/career-planning

Bureau of Labor Statistics
www.bls.gov

Web Resources

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

College Insight
www.college-insight.org

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

National Center for Education Statistics
nces.ed.gov

Selective Service System
www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

TRIO Programs
www.coenet.org

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