2026-2027 Calendar

College Student

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.consumer.ftc.gov, 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 www.uspis.gov, call the Crime Hotline at 877-876-2455 or write to:
Criminal Investigations Service Center
433 W. Harrison Street, Room 3255
Chicago, IL 60699

Better Business Bureau (BBB)
File an online complaint about a business at www.bbb.org or call 703-276-0100

2026-2027 Important Dates for College Students

September 2026

National College Savings Month

October 2026

FAFSA 2027-28 application period opens after Oct. 1st

November 2026

National Scholarship Month

December 2026

Fill out FAFSA ASAP to maximize chances for aid

January 2027

Complete FAFSA & Submit

February 2027

Financial Aid Awareness Month

April 2027

National Financial Literacy Month,
Federal income tax due for 2026 - April 15th

May 2027

National Candidates' Reply Date - May 1st

June 2027

Last day to submit 2026-27 FAFSA - June 30th

Test Dates

Below is information on test entities and where to find test dates:

GRE (Graduate Record Examination)
www.ets.org/gre

GMAT
(Graduate Management Admissions Test)
www.mba.com/us

LSAT (Law School Admissions Test)
www.lsac.org

MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test)
www.aamc.org

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Financial Aid

Important Resources

Fastweb
www.fastweb.com

Finaid
www.finaid.org/state

FAFSA
studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

CSS PROFILE
https://cssprofile.collegeboard.com

Financial Aid Calculators
www.finaid.org/calculators

Mapping Your Future
www.mappingyourfuture.org

AmeriCorps
www.americorps.gov

City Year
www.cityyear.org

Student Loans
www.studentaid.gov

EduPASS: International Students
www.edupass.org

State Resources
www.finaid.org/state

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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