

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

- 10–LSAT Registration Deadline for 9/24 Test
- 12–GRE Registration Deadline for 9/17 Test
- 17–LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 9/24 Test
- 19–GRE Late Registration Deadline for 9/17 Test

September 2016

- National College Savings Month
- 17–GRE Test
- 19–21–NCAN National Conference
- 22–24–NACAC National Conference
- 23–GRE Registration Deadline for 10/29 Test
- 24–LSAT Test
- 30–GRE Late Registration Deadline for 10/29 Test

October 2016

- New start date to begin FAFSA, submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
- 18–LSAT (Spanish) Registration Deadline for 11/19 Test
- 18–LSAT Registration Deadline for 12/3 Test
- 25–LSAT (Spanish) Late Registration Deadline for 11/19 Test
- 25–LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/3 Test
- 29–GRE Test

November 2016

- National Scholarship Month
- 19–LSAT (Spanish) Test

December 2016

- 3–LSAT Test
- 21–LSAT Registration Deadline for 2/4 Test
- 28–LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 2/4 Test

January 2017

- Complete FAFSA and submit

February 2017

- Financial Aid Awareness Month
- 4–LSAT Test

March 2017

- 3–GRE Registration Deadline for 4/8 Test
- 10–GRE Late Registration Deadline for 4/8 Test
- 15–Financial Aid award letter distribution begins

April 2017

- National Financial Literacy Month
- 8–GRE Test
- 15–Federal income tax due for 2016

May 2017

- 1–National Candidates’ Reply Date

June 2017

- 26–29–NASFAA National Conference
- 30–Last day to submit 2016–2017 FAFSA

Summer 2017

- Apply to Scholarships: www.fastweb.com/

Test Information Links

- GMAT testing information: www.mba.com/us
- GRE testing information: www.ets.org/gre
- LSAT testing information: www.lasc.org
- MCAT testing information: www.aamc.org

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

JobCorps
www.jobcorps.gov

State Resources
www.finaid.org/state

State Residence Requirements
www.finaid.org/stateresidency

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

Financial Aid Applications

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
profileonline.collegeboard.com

FAFSA
www.fafsa.ed.gov

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

FAFSA 4Caster
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

FAA (Access to Central Processing System)
www.fafsa.ed.gov/FOTWebApp/faa/faa.jsp

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration
www.uscis.gov

Selective Service System
www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

Student Loans and Grants

Common Origination and Disbursement
www.cod.ed.gov

Direct Loans
www.ed.gov/directloan

Direct Loan Servicing
www.dlsonline.com

Direct Consolidation Loan
www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov

Federal Student Loans
www.studentloans.gov

National Student Loan Data System
www.nsls.ed.gov

Project on Student Debt
www.projectonstudentdebt.org

Student Loan Borrower Assistance
www.studentloanborrowerassistance.org

Default Management
ifap.ed.gov/DefaultManagement

Total & Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge
www.disabilitydischarge.com