

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

2017-2018 Calendar

August 2017

2-LSAT Registration Deadline for 9/16 Test
9-LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 9/16 Test

September 2017

National College Savings Month
1-GRE Registration Deadline for 10/7 Test
8-GRE Late Registration Deadline for 10/7 Test
11-13-NCAN National Conference
14-16-NACAC National Conference
16-LSAT Test
29-GRE Registration Deadline for 11/4 Test

October 2017

FAFSA application period begins, submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
6-GRE Late Registration Deadline for 11/4 Test
7-GRE Test
9-11-NSPA National Conference
18-LSAT (Spanish) Registration Deadline for 11/18 Test
18-LSAT Registration Deadline for 12/2 Test
25-LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/2 Test
25-LSAT (Spanish) Late Registration Deadline for 11/18 Test
25-27-College Board National Forum

November 2017

National Scholarship Month
4-GRE Test
18-LSAT (Spanish) Test

December 2017

2-LSAT Test
27-LSAT Registration Deadline for 2/10 Test
28-LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 2/4 Test
29-GRE Registration deadline for 2/3 Test

January 2018

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit
3-GRE Registration Deadline for 2/10 Test
5-GRE Late Registration Deadline for 2/3 Test

February 2018

Financial Aid Awareness Month
3-GRE Test
10-LSAT Test

March 2018

15-Financial Aid award letter distribution begins

April 2018

National Financial Literacy Month
15-Federal income tax due for 2017

May 2018

1-National Candidates’ Reply Date

June 2018

24-27-NASFAA National Conference
30-Last day to submit 2017-2018 FAFSA

Summer 2018

Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

Contacts

Associations/Organizations

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-GMAT (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

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Web Resources

Sources of Aid

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

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/studentst

Financial Aid Applications

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
profileonline.collegeboard.com

FAFSA
www.fafsa.ed.gov

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

FAFSA 4Caster
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

FAA (Access to Central Processing System)
faaaccess.ed.gov

Government Services

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

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

Financial Aid Information

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

Educator Training/Resources

Fastweb for Educators
www.fastweb.com/educators

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

Choosing a Career

MonsterCollege
www.monstercollege.com

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

Loan Information

Always borrow federal first. Federal student loans are cheaper, more available and have better repayment terms than private/student loans.

Federal Perkins Loan

For undergrad and grad students

- Undergrad students: loan amount up to \$5,500
- Grad and Professional students: loan amount up to \$8,000
- College is the lender

Direct Subsidized Loan

For undergrad and grad students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount up to \$5,500, depending on grade level and dependency
- No interest charged while in school
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct Unsubsidized Loan

For undergrad and grad students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount up to \$20,500, less subsidized amount, depending on grade level and dependency
- Student is responsible for interest
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct PLUS Loan for Parents

For parents of dependent students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount is maximum cost of attendance, less any other financial aid
- Parent is responsible for interest
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct PLUS Loan for Grad or Professional Students

For grad or professional students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount is maximum cost of attendance, less any other financial aid
- Student is responsible for interest
- Dept. of Education is the lender

Private/Alternative Loan

More expensive than Federal student loans

- Eligibility, interest rate and fees based on credit scores
- More information on private/alternative loans at www.finaid.org/loans/