

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

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
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
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

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

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

30-Last day to submit 2017-2018 FAFSA

Summer 2018

Apply for scholarships over your summer break
www.fastweb.com

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