

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

2018–2019 Calendar

July 2018

23–LSAT Registration Deadline for 9/8 Test

August 2018

31–GRE Registration Deadline for 10/6 Test

September 2018

National College Savings Month

7–GRE Late Registration Deadline for 10/6 Test

8–LSAT Test

October 2018

FAFSA application period begins, submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid

5–GRE Registration Deadline for 11/10 Test

6–GRE Test

8–LSAT Registration Deadline for 11/17 Test

12–GRE Late Registration Deadline for 11/10 Test

22–24–College Board National Forum

November 2018

National Scholarship Month

10–GRE Test

17–LSAT Test

December 2018

17–LSAT (Spanish) Reg Deadline for 1/12 Test

17–LSAT Registration Deadline for 1/26 Test

28–GRE Registration deadline for 2/2 Test

January 2019

Complete FAFSA and submit

4–GRE Late Registration Deadline for 2/2 Test

12–LSAT (Spanish) Test

26–LSAT Test

February 2019

Financial Aid Awareness Month

2–GRE Test

March 2019

15–Financial Aid award letter distribution begins

April 2019

National Financial Literacy Month

15–Federal income tax due for 2018

May 2019

1–National Candidates’ Reply Date

June 2019

30–Last day to submit 2018–19 FAFSA

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

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

FSA ID Management

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

CSS PROFILE

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.com>

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.nslds.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

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