

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

24-26-NCAN National Conference

27-29-NACAC National Conference

October 2018

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

3-5-NSPA National Conference

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

Remind students to 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

24-27-NASFAA National Conference

30-Last day to submit 2018-19 FAFSA

Summer 2019

Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

Contacts

Associations/Organizations

ACA (American Counseling Association)

800-347-6647 / membership@counseling.org
www.counseling.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)

800-717-4628 / 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

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.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 Resources

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

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

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/

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