

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

2018-2019 Calendar

July 2018

27-SAT Registration Deadline for 8/25 Test

August 2018

10-ACT Registration Deadline for 9/8 Test

15-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 8/25 Test

25-SAT & Subject Tests

26-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/8 Test

September 2018

7-SAT Registration Deadline for 10/6 Test

8-ACT Test

26-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/6 Test

28-ACT Registration Deadline for 10/27 Test

27-29-NACAC National Conference

October 2018

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

5-SAT Registration Deadline for 11/3 Test

6-SAT & Subject Tests

10-PSAT/NMSQT (Primary)

13-PSAT/NMSQT (Saturday)

14-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/27 Test

24-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/3 Test

24-PSAT/NMSQT (Alternate)

27-ACT Test

November 2018

2-SAT Registration Deadline for 12/1 Test

2-ACT Registration Deadline for 12/8 Test

3-SAT & Subject Tests

19-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/8 Test

20-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/1 Test

December 2018

1-SAT & Subject Tests

8-ACT Test

January 2019

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit

11-ACT Registration Deadline for 2/9 Test

18-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/9 Test

February 2019

8-SAT Registration Deadline for 3/9 Test

9-ACT Test (except in NY)

27-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/9 Test

March 2019

8-ACT Registration Deadline for 4/13 Test

9-SAT Test (only)

25-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/13 Test

April 2019

5-SAT Registration Deadline for 5/4 Test

13-ACT Test

24-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/4 Test

May 2019

1-National Candidate's Reply Date

3-SAT Registration Deadline for 6/1 Test

3-ACT Registration Deadline for 6/8 Test

4-SAT & Subject Tests

6-10-AP Exams - Week 1

13-17-AP Exams - Week 2

20-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/8 Test

22-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 6/1 Test

June 2019

1-SAT & Subject Tests

8-ACT Test

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

ASCA (American School Counselor Association)

703-683-ASCA / asca@schoolcounselor.org
www.schoolcounselor.org

The College Board

212-713-8000 / www.collegeboard.com

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

NCAN (National College Access Network)

202-347-4848 / ncan@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org

NSPA

(National Scholarship Providers Association)

303-442-2524 / nspsa@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

FSIIC (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

Testing

ACT (American College Testing)

319-337-1270 / www.actstudent.org

AP (Advanced Placement)

888-CALL-4-AP (888-225-5427)
apcentral.collegeboard.com

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)

212-713-8000 / clep.collegeboard.org

PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

212-713-8000
collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat

SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) Subject Tests

212-713-8000
collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

Web Resources

Sources of Aid

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

AmeriCorps
www.americorps.gov

City Year
www.cityyear.org

CSS PROFILE
https://cssprofile.collegeboard.com

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
www.fafsa.ed.gov

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

FAFSA 4Caster
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Student Loans
www.studentloans.gov

College Admissions

College Search
www.fastweb.com/college-search

Common Application
www.commonapp.org

Educational Opportunity Centers Program
www2.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc

Job Corps
www.jobcorps.gov

NACAC College Fairs
www.nacacfairs.org

Choosing a Career

Monster Career Advice
www.monster.com/career-advice/career-levels/entry-level

MonsterCollege
www.monstercollege.com

Career Planning
www.fastweb.com/career-planning

Bureau of Labor Statistics
www.bls.gov

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

Higher Ed News & Views

Chronicle of Higher Education
www.chronicle.com

Higher Education Watch
www.higheredwatch.org

Inside Higher Ed
www.insidehighered.com

Financial Aid Resources

Fastweb for Educators
www.fastweb.com/educators

FinAid
www.finaid.org

EduPASS: International Students
www.edupass.org

Federal Student Aid for Counselors
financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid for Students
www.studentaid.ed.gov

IFAP (Information for Financial Aid Professionals)
www.ifap.ed.gov

Mapping Your Future
www.mappingyourfuture.org

NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)
www.nasfaa.org

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
www.nacacnet.org

FTC Project Scholarship Scam
www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

OPE (Office of Postsecondary Education)
www.ed.gov/ope

Guide to Federal Student Aid
www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide

Financial Aid Calculators
www.finaid.org/calculators

Research

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
www.eric.ed.gov

College Insight
www.college-insight.org

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

National Center for Education Statistics
nces.ed.gov

Selective Service System
www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

TRIO Programs
www.coenet.us

U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov

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/