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Scholarship Scams

- You have to pay a fee
- Money-back offers or guarantees
- Credit card or bank account information required
- Provides "exclusive" information

"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

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 877-FTC-HELP (677-382-4357), 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 www.postalservice.com or call the Crime Hotline at 877-876-2455 or write to:
  Inspection Service Support Group
  222 S. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 1250
  Chicago, IL 60606-5100

Better Business Bureau (BBB)
- File an online complaint about a business at www.bbb.org or call 703-276-0100

National College Savings Month
6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/5 Test
19 - 21 - NACAC's National Conference
20 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/5 Test
21 - ACT Test (Selected States)
27 - ACT Registration Deadline for 10/26 Test

Choose AP coordinators if participating
3 - SAT Regular Registration Deadline for 11/2 Test
5 - SAT & Subject Tests
11 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/26 Test
18 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/2 Test
25 - ACT Test
2 - SAT & Subject Tests
8 - SAT Registration Deadline for 12/7 Test
8 - ACT Regular Registration Deadline for 12/14 Test
22 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/7 Test
22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/14 Test

7 - SAT & Subject Tests
14 - ACT Test
27 - SAT Registration Deadline for 1/25 Test

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
10 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/25 Test
10 - ACT Registration Deadline for 1/28 Test
24 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/8 Test
25 - SAT & Subject Tests

Financial Aid Awareness Month
Remind students to submit 2013-2014 FAFSA
7 - SAT Registration Deadline for 3/8 Test
8 - ACT Test (except in NY)
21 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/8 Test
21 - ACT Registration Deadline for 4/12 Test
7 - ACT Registration Deadline for 4/12 Test
8 - SAT Test (only)
21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/12 Test

National Financial Literacy Month
4 - SAT Registration Deadline for 5/3 Test
12 - ACT Test
18 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/3 Test

1st - National Candidates' Reply Date
3 - SAT & Subject Tests
5 - AP Exams Week 1
9 - SAT Registration Deadline for 6/7 Test
9 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/7 Test
12 - AP Exams - Week 2
23 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/14 Test
23 - Late Registration Deadline for 6/14 Test
7 - SAT & Subject Tests
14 - ACT Test
30 - Last day to submit 2012-2013 FAFSA

Jul 1 - AP scores available by phone, AP grades sent
Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

Contacts

ACA (American Counseling Association)
800-347-6847 / www.counseling.org

ASCA (American School Counselor Association)
800-306-4722 / asca@schoolcounselor.org
www.schoolcounselor.org

The College Board
866-630-9365 / www.collegeboard.com

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
866-622-6285 / info@nacacnet.org
www.nacacnet.org

NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)
202-785-0453 / web@nasfaa.org
www.nasfaa.org

NCAN (National College Access Network)
202-347-4848 / ncann@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org

NSPA (National Scholarship Providers Association)
303-442-2524 / swain@nspaproviders.org
www.nspaproviders.org

U.S. Dept 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)

FSAIC (Federal Student Aid Information Center)
800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243)
www.studentaid.ed.gov

NCES (National Center for Education Statistics)

ACT (American College Testing)
319-337-1000 / main
319-337-1270 / registration inquiries
www.actstudent.org

AP (Advanced Placement)
888-CALL-AP (888-225-5427)
apexam@info.collegeboard.org
www.collegeboard.com/apcentral

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)
600-257-9658 / clep@info.collegeboard.org
www.collegeboard.com/clep

PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
866-433-7728 / psat@info.collegeboard.org
888-477-PSAT (888-477-7728) - Counselor Hotline
www.collegeboard.com/psat

SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment)
666-756-7348
888-SAT-HELP (888-728-4357) Counselor Hotline
www.sat.collegeboard.org
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FinAid
www.finaid.org

Fastweb for Educators
www.fastweb.com/educators

Fastweb's College Gold
www.collegegold.com

EduPASS: International Students
www.edupass.org

College Goal Sunday
www.collegegoalsundayusa.org

Federal Student Aid for Counselors
www.fse4counselors.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 Financial Aid Administrators)
www.nasfaa.org

NACAC (National Association for College Admissions Counselling)
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

National Center for Education Statistics
www.nces.ed.gov

Security on Campus
www.securityoncampus.org

Selective Service System
www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

Student Gateway to U.S. Government
www.students.gov

TRIO Programs
www.coe.edu

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 Stafford Loan
For undergrad students enrolled at least half time
Loan amount between $3,500 and $5,500, depending on school
No interest charged while in school
Dept. of Education is the lender

Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
For undergrad and grad students enrolled at least half time
Loan amount between $5,500 to $20,500, less subsidized amount
Student 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.
For more information on private/alternative loans, visit: www.finaid.org/privateloans

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