

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 202-326-2222, 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

2024-2025 Important Dates for College Students

September 2024

National College Savings Month

October 2024

FAFSA 2025-26 – application period opens after Oct. 1st

November 2024

National Scholarship Month

December 2024

Fill out FAFSA ASAP to maximize chances for aid

January 2025

Complete FAFSA & Submit

February 2025

Financial Aid Awareness Month

April 2025

National Financial Literacy Month,
Federal income tax due for 2024 – April 15th

May 2025

National Candidates’ Reply Date – May 1st

June 2025

Last day to submit 2024-25 FAFSA – June 30th

Test Dates

Below is information on test entities and where to confirm test dates:

GRE (Graduate Record Examination)

www.ets.org/gre

GMAT

(Graduate Management Admissions Test)

www.mba.com/us

LSAT (Law School Admissions Test)

www.lsac.org

MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test)

www.aamc.org

Financial Aid Important Resources

Fastweb

www.fastweb.com

Finaid

www.finaid.org

Federal Student Aid for Students

studentaid.ed.gov

Financial Aid Calculators

www.finaid.org/calculators

Mapping Your Future

www.mappingyourfuture.org

Financial Aid Applications

FAFSA

studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

CSS PROFILE

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.com>

FAFSA 4Caster

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/estimate>

FAA (Access to Central Processing System)

faaaccess.ed.gov

More Student Aid Resources

Scholarship Search

www.fastweb.com

AmeriCorps

www.americorps.gov

City Year

www.cityyear.org

Student Loans

www.studentaid.gov/loans

EduPASS: International Students

www.edupass.org

State Resources

www.finaid.org/state

Web Resources Career Guidance

Monster Career Advice

www.monster.com/career-advice

Career Planning

www.fastweb.com/career-planning

Bureau of Labor Statistics

www.bls.gov

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