

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

2023–2024 Key Dates for High School Students

September 2023

National College Savings Month

October 2023

NEW for FAFSA 2024–25 – application period opens this year in December

November 2023

National Scholarship Month

December 2023

Fill out FAFSA ASAP to maximize chances for aid

January 2024

Reminder: Complete FAFSA & Submit

February 2024

Financial Aid Awareness Month

April 2024

National Financial Literacy Month,
Federal income tax due for 2023 – April 15th

May 2024

National Candidates’ Reply Date – May 1st

June 2024

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

2023–2024 Test Information

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

ACT (American College Testing)

www.actstudent.org

AP (Advanced Placement)

apcentral.collegeboard.com

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)

clep.collegeboard.org

PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT

(National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat

SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

Subject Tests

collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

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

FTC Project Scholarship Scam

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

Mapping Your Future

www.mappingyourfuture.org

The Guide to Federal Student Aid

studentaid.ed.gov/guide

Financial Aid Applications

FAFSA

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

FSA ID Management

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

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

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