

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

Scams: "Phishing" & "Pharming"

"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 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357), 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.postalinspectors.uspis.gov, call the Crime Hotline at 877-876-2455 or write to:
Inspection Service Support Group
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

High School Student 2015-2016 Calendar

August 2015

- 7 - ACT Registration Deadline for 9/12 Test
- 21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/12 Test

September 2015

- 3 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/3 Test
- 12 - ACT Test (Selected States)
- 18 - ACT Registration Deadline for 10/24 Test
- 22 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/3 Test

October 2015

- Choose AP coordinators if participating
- 1-3 - NACAC National Conference
- 2 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/24 Test
- 3 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 9 - SAT Regular Registration Deadline for 11/7 Test
- 14 - PSAT/NMSQT
- 24 - ACT Test
- 27 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/7 Test
- 28 - PSAT/NMSQT

November 2015

- 5 - SAT Registration Deadline for 12/5 Test
- 6 - ACT Registration Deadline for 12/12 Test
- 7 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 20 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/12 Test
- 23 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/5 Test

December 2015

- 5 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 12 - ACT Test
- 28 - SAT Registration Deadline for 1/23 Test

January 2016

- Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
- 8 - ACT Registration Deadline for 2/6 Test
- 12 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/23 Test
- 15 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/6 Test
- 23 - SAT & Subject Tests

February 2016

- 5 - SAT Registration Deadline for 3/5 Test
- 6 - ACT Test (except in NY)
- 23 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/5 Test

March 2016

- 4 - ACT Registration Deadline for 4/9 Test
- 5 - SAT Test (only)
- 18 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/9 Test

April 2016

- 8 - SAT Registration Deadline for 5/7 Test
- 9 - ACT Test
- 26 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/7 Test

May 2016

- 1 - National Candidates' Reply Date
- 2 - AP Exams - Week 1
- 5 - SAT Registration Deadline for 6/4 Test
- 6 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/11 Test
- 7 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 9 - AP Exams - Week 2
- 20 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/11 Test
- 25 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 6/4 Test

June 2016

- 4 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 11 - ACT Test
- 30 - Last day to submit 2015-2016 FAFSA

Summer 2016

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

Web Resources

Sources of Aid

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

College Savings Plan Network
www.collegesavingsplan.org

AmeriCorps
www.americorps.gov

City Year
www.cityyear.org

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
profileonline.collegeboard.com

Direct Loans
www.direct.ed.gov

Student Loans
www.studentloans.gov

College Admissions

College Search
www.fastweb.com/college-search

Educational Opportunity
www.opportunity.gov

College
www.college.gov

NACAC College Fairs
www.nacacnet.org/eventstraining/college-fairs/pages/default.aspx

Common Application
www.commonapp.org

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

FAFSA PIN Registration
www.pin.ed.gov

FAFSA 4Caster
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Job Corps
www.jobcorps.gov

Resources by State
www.finaid.org/state

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

Choosing a Major/Career

MonsterCollege
www.monstercollege.com

Bureau of Labor Statistics
www.stats.bls.gov

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

Higher Ed News

Chronicle of Higher Education
www.chronicle.com

Higher Education Watch
www.higheredwatch.org

Inside Higher Ed
www.insidehighered.com