**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
- 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 500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20560

**State Attorney General's Office** File your complaint with the Consumer Protection Division in your state. Visit www.naco.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 877-876-2465 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 703-376-0100

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**2014–2015 Calendar**

**August 2014**
- ACT Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test
- SAT Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test

**September 2014**
- SAT registration deadline for 10/11 Test
- ACT registration deadline for 10/11 Test
- SAT registration deadline for 11/6 Test
- SAT Subject Tests
- PSAT/NMSQT
- ACT Test
- SAT Subject Tests

**October 2014**
- Choose AP coordinators if participating
- ACT registration deadline for 10/25 Test
- SAT registration deadline for 11/8 Test
- SAT Subject Tests
- PSAT/NMSQT
- SAT Subject Tests

**November 2014**
- SAT registration deadline for 12/6 Test
- ACT registration deadline for 12/13 Test
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT Subject Tests
- SAT Subject Tests

**December 2014**
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT Test
- SAT registration deadline for 1/24 Test

**January 2015**
- Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
- ACT registration deadline for 2/7 Test
- SAT registration deadline for 1/24 Test
- ACT Subject Tests
- SAT Subject Tests

**February 2015**
- ACT Test (except in NY)
- SAT registration deadline for 3/14 Test

**March 2015**
- SAT registration deadline for 3/14 Test
- ACT registration deadline for 4/16 Test
- SAT Subject Tests

**April 2015**
- SAT registration deadline for 5/2 Test
- ACT Test
- SAT registration deadline for 5/2 Test

**May 2015**
- National Candidates' Reply Date
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT Exams Week 1
- SAT registration deadline for 6/6 Test
- ACT registration deadline for 6/13 Test
- ACT Exams - Week 2
- ACT registration deadline for 6/13 Test
- Late registration deadline for 6/6 Test

**June 2015**
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT Test
- Late day to submit 2014–2015 FAFSA

**Summer 2015**
- Jul: AP scores available by phone, AP grades sent
- Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

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**Contacts**

**Associations/Organizations**
- ACA (American Counseling Association) 800-347-8547 / www.counseling.org
- ASCA (American School Counselor Association) 800-305-4722 / asca@schoolcounselor.org www.schoolcounselor.org

**The College Board**
- 866-630-9360 / www.collegeboard.com
- NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) 800-922-6265 / info@nacacnet.org www.nacacnet.org
- NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators) 202-765-4043 / web@nasfaa.org www.nasfaa.org
- NCAN (National College Access Network) 202-347-4848 / ncanelementeaccess@www.collegeaccess.org www.collegeaccess.org
- NSPA (National Scholarship Providers Assoc.) 303-442-2824 / aweinstein@nationalscholarshipproviders.org www.nationalscholarshipproviders.org

**Government**
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243) www.fafsa.ed.gov / www.pin.ed.gov
- FSAIC (Federal Student Aid Information Center) 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243) www.studentaid.ed.gov
- NCES (National Center for Education Statistics) 202-560-7300 / www.nces.ed.gov

**Testing**
- ACT (American College Testing) 319-337-1000 - main 319-337-1270 - registration inquiries www.actstudent.org
- AP (Advanced Placement) 888-CALL-4 AP (888-225-5427) cphoneas@info.collegeboard.org cphoneas@collegeboard.com
- CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) 800-255-9558 / clep@info.collegeboard.org clep@collegeboard.org
- PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) 855-433-7728 / psat@info.collegeboard.org 888-477-PSAT (888-477-7728) - Counselor Hotline www.collegeboard.com/psat
- SAT and ACT (Scholastic Assessment) Subject Tests 855-756-7345 SAT-HIC 888-778-4357 Counselor Hotline www.sat.collegeboard.org