

## Web Resources

### Sources of Aid

#### Scholarship Search

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

#### College Savings Plan Network

[www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org)

#### AmeriCorps

[www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

#### City Year

[www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)

#### CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE

[profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com)

#### Direct Loans

[www.direct.ed.gov](http://www.direct.ed.gov)

#### Student Loans

[www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

## College Admissions

### College Search

[www.fastweb.com/college-search](http://www.fastweb.com/college-search)

### Educational Opportunity

[www.opportunity.gov](http://www.opportunity.gov)

### College

[www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)

### NACAC College Fairs

[www.nacacnet.org/eventstraining/collegefairs/pages/default.aspx](http://www.nacacnet.org/eventstraining/collegefairs/pages/default.aspx)

### Common Application

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

### FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### FAFSA PIN Registration

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### FAFSA 4Caster

[www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov)

### Job Corps

[www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)

### Resources by State

[www.finaid.org/state](http://www.finaid.org/state)

### Student Tax Info

[www.irs.gov/individuals/students](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students)

## Choosing a Major/Career

### Monster

[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

### MonsterCollege

[www.monstercollege.com](http://www.monstercollege.com)

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

[www.stats.bls.gov](http://www.stats.bls.gov)

### Occupational Outlook Handbook

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

## Higher Ed News

### Chronicle of Higher Education

[www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com)

### Higher Education Watch

[www.higheredwatch.org](http://www.higheredwatch.org)

### Inside Higher Ed

[www.insidehighered.com](http://www.insidehighered.com)

## Financial Aid Information

### Fastweb for Educators

[www.fastweb.com/educators](http://www.fastweb.com/educators)

### FinAid

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

### Fastweb College Gold

[www.collegegold.com](http://www.collegegold.com)

### EduPASS: International Students

[www.edupass.org](http://www.edupass.org)

### College Goal Sunday

[www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org)

### Federal Student Aid for Counselors

[www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov](http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov)

### Federal Student Aid for Students

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

### IFAP (Information for Financial Aid Professionals)

[www.ifap.ed.gov](http://www.ifap.ed.gov)

### Mapping Your Future

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

### NASFAA (National Association of Financial Aid Administrators)

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

### NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)

[www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)

### FTC Project Scholarship Scam

[www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)

### OPE (Office of Postsecondary Education)

[www.ed.gov/ope](http://www.ed.gov/ope)

### Guide to Federal Student Aid

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide)

### Financial Aid Calculators

[www.finaid.org/calculators](http://www.finaid.org/calculators)

## Research

### ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)

[www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)

### College Insight

[www.college-insight.org](http://www.college-insight.org)

### National Center for Education Statistics

[www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.nces.ed.gov)

### Security on Campus

[www.securityoncampus.org](http://www.securityoncampus.org)

### Selective Service System

[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

### Social Security Administration

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### Student Gateway to U.S. Government

[www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

### TRIO Programs

[www.coenet.us](http://www.coenet.us)

### U.S. Department of Education

[www.ed.gov](http://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 and grad students enrolled at least half time

- Loan amount between \$3,500 and \$5,500, depending on school year
- 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 \$6,000 to \$20,500, less subsidized amount
- Student is 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 loans, visit: [www.finaid.org/loans](http://www.finaid.org/loans)

## 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](http://www.fraud.org)

### Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

File an online complaint at [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bbb.org) or call 703-276-0100

**Have a Question or  
Comment?**

[memberservices@fastweb.com](mailto:memberservices@fastweb.com)

## 2016-2017 Calendar

### August 2016

5-ACT Registration Deadline for 9/10 Test  
19-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/10 Test

### September 2016

1-SAT Registration Deadline for 10/1 Test  
10-ACT Test  
16-ACT Registration Deadline for 10/22 Test  
20-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/1 Test  
30-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/22 Test

### October 2016

New start date to begin FAFSA, submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid.  
1-SAT & Subject Tests  
7-SAT Registration Deadline for 11/5 Test  
19-PSAT/NMSQT  
22-ACT Test  
22-24-NACAC National Conference  
25-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/5 Test  
Choose AP coordinator

### November 2016

2-PSAT/NMSQT  
3-SAT Registration Deadline for 12/3 Test  
4-ACT Registration Deadline for 12/10 Test  
5-SAT & Subject Tests  
18-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/10 Test  
22-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/3 Test

### December 2016

3-SAT & Subject Tests  
10-ACT Test  
21-SAT Registration Deadline for 1/21 Test

### January 2017

Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit  
10-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/21 Test  
13-ACT Registration Deadline for 2/11 Test  
20-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/11 Test  
21-SAT & Subject Tests

### February 2017

10-SAT Registration Deadline for 3/11 Test  
11-ACT Test (except in NY)  
28-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/11 Test

### March 2017

3-ACT Registration Deadline for 4/8 Test  
11-SAT Test (only)  
17-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/8 Test

### April 2017

7-SAT Registration Deadline for 5/6 Test  
8-ACT Test  
25-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/6 Test

### May 2017

1-AP Exams - Week 1, National Candidate's Reply Date  
5-ACT Registration Deadline for 6/10 Test  
6-SAT & Subject Tests  
8-AP Exams - Week 2  
9-SAT Registration Deadline for 6/3 Test  
19-ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/10 Test  
24-SAT Late Registration Deadline for 6/3 Test

### June 2017

3-SAT & Subject Tests  
10-ACT Test  
30-Last day to submit 2016-2017 FAFSA

### July 2017

1-AP scores available by phone, AP grades sent

### Summer 2017

Order materials: [www.fastweb.com/educators](http://www.fastweb.com/educators)

## Contacts

### Associations/Organizations

#### ACA (American Counseling Association)

800-347-6647  
[www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)

#### ASCA (American School Counselor Association)

800-306-4722 / [asca@schoolcounselor.org](mailto:asca@schoolcounselor.org)  
[www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)

#### The College Board

866-630-9305 / [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

#### NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)

800-822-6285 / [info@nacacnet.org](mailto:info@nacacnet.org)  
[www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)

#### NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)

202-785-0453 / [web@nasfaa.org](mailto:web@nasfaa.org)  
[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

#### NCAN (National College Access Network)

202-347-4848 / [ncan@collegeaccess.org](mailto:ncan@collegeaccess.org)  
[www.collegeaccess.org](http://www.collegeaccess.org)

#### NSPA

#### (National Scholarship Providers Association)

303-442-2524  
[aweinstein@scholarshipproviders.org](mailto:aweinstein@scholarshipproviders.org)  
[www.scholarshipproviders.org](http://www.scholarshipproviders.org)

## Government

### U.S. Department of Education

800-USA-LEARN (800-872-5327) / [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### FSAIC (Federal Student Aid Information Center)

800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243)  
[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

### NCES (National Center for Education Statistics)

202-502-7300 / [www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.nces.ed.gov)

## Testing

### ACT (American College Testing)

319-337-1000 / [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### AP (Advanced Placement)

888-CALL-4-AP (888-225-5427)  
[apexams@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:apexams@info.collegeboard.org)  
[apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com)

### CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)

800-257-9558 / [clep.collegeboard.org](http://clep.collegeboard.org)

### PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

866-433-7728 / [psathelp@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:psathelp@info.collegeboard.org)  
888-477-PSAT (888-477-7728)-Counselor Hotline  
[www.collegeboard.com/psat](http://www.collegeboard.com/psat)

### SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

**Subject Tests**  
866-756-7346  
888-SAT-HELP (888-728-4357) Counselor Hotline  
[www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)

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