

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

Financial Aid Information

FinAid
www.finaid.org

Fastweb for Educators
www.fastweb.com/educators

Fastweb College Gold
www.collegegold.com

EduPASS: International Students
www.edupass.org

College Goal Sunday
www.collegegoalsundayusa.org

Federal Student Aid for Counselors
www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid for Students
www.studentaid.ed.gov

IFAP (Information for Financial Aid Professionals)
www.ifap.ed.gov

Mapping Your Future
www.mappingyourfuture.org

NASFAA (National Association of Financial Aid Administrators)
www.nasfaa.org

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
www.nacacnet.org

FTC Project Scholarship Scam
www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

OPE (Office of Postsecondary Education)
www.ed.gov/ope

Guide to Federal Student Aid
www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide

Financial Aid Calculators
www.finaid.org/calculators

Research

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
www.eric.ed.gov

College Insight
www.college-insight.org

National Center for Education Statistics
www.nces.ed.gov

Security on Campus
www.securityoncampus.org

Selective Service System
www.sss.gov

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

Student Gateway to U.S. Government
www.students.gov

TRIO Programs
www.coenet.us

U.S. Department of Education
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 students enrolled at least half time

Loan amount between \$3,500 and \$5,500, depending on school

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 \$5,500 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/alternativeloans, visit:
www.finaid.org/privateloans

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

2014-2015 Calendar

August 2014

- 8 - ACT Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test
- 22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test

September 2014

- 12 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test
- 13 - ACT Test (Selected States)
- 18 - 20 - NACAC National Conference
- 19 - ACT Registration Deadline for 10/25 Test
- 30 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test

October 2014

- Choose AP coordinators if participating
- 3 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/25 Test
- 9 - SAT Regular Registration Deadline for 11/8 Test
- 11 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 15 - PSAT/NMSQT
- 18 - PSAT/NMSQT
- 25 - ACT Test
- 28 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/8 Test

November 2014

- 6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test
- 7 - ACT Registration Deadline for 12/13 Test
- 8 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/13 Test
- 24 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test

December 2014

- 6 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 13 - ACT Test
- 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for 1/24 Test

January 2015

- Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
- 9 - ACT Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test
- 13 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 1/24 Test
- 16 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test
- 24 - SAT & Subject Tests

February 2015

- 7 - ACT Test (except in NY)
- 13 - SAT Registration Deadline for 3/14 Test

March 2015

- 3 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 3/14 Test
- 13 - ACT Registration Deadline for 4/18 Test
- 14 - SAT Test (only)
- 27 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/18 Test

April 2015

- 6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 5/2 Test
- 18 - ACT Test
- 21 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 5/2 Test

May 2015

- 1 - National Candidates' Reply Date
- 2 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 4 - AP Exams Week 1
- 8 - SAT Registration Deadline for 6/6 Test
- 8 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/13 Test
- 11 - AP Exams - Week 2
- 22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/13 Test
- 27 - Late Registration Deadline for 6/6 Test

June 2015

- 6 - SAT & Subject Tests
- 13 - ACT Test
- 30 - Last day to submit 2014-2015 FAFSA

Summer 2015

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

Contacts

Associations/Organizations

ACA (American Counseling Association)
800-347-6647 / www.counseling.org

ASCA (American School Counselor Association)
800-306-4722 / asca@schoolcounselor.org
www.schoolcounselor.org

The College Board
866-630-9305 / www.collegeboard.com

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
800-822-6285 / info@nacacnet.org
www.nacacnet.org

NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)
202-785-0453 / web@nasfaa.org
www.nasfaa.org

NCAN (National College Access Network)
202-347-4848 / ncan@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org

NSPA (National Scholarship Providers Assoc.)
303-442-2524 /
aweinstein@scholarshipproviders.org
www.scholarshipproviders.org

Government

U.S. Dept. of Education
800-USA-LEARN (800-872-5327)
www.ed.gov

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)
202-502-7300 / 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)
apexams@info.collegeboard.org
apcentral.collegeboard.com

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)
800-257-9558 / clep@info.collegeboard.org
clep.collegeboard.org

PSAT (Preliminary SAT) / NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
866-433-7728 / psathelp@info.collegeboard.org
888-477-PSAT (888-477-7728) - Counselor Hotline
www.collegeboard.com/psat

SAT and SAT (Scholastic Assessment) Subject Tests
866-756-7346
888-SAT-HELP (888-728-4357) Counselor Hotline
www.sat.collegeboard.org