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: professioninx.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.org
- College: www.college.gov
- 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.fastweb.org/state
- Student Tax Info: www.irs.gov/individuals/students

Choosing a Major/Career
- Monster College: www.monstercollege.com
- 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.collegesundayusa.org
- Federal Student Aid for Counselors: www.fsa-counselors.ed.gov
- Federal Student Aid for Students: www.studentaid.ed.gov
- Mapping Your Future: www.mappingyourfuture.org
- NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling): www.nacacncl.org
- FTC Project Scholarship Scam: www.ftc.ed.gov/scholarship-scams
- OPE (Office of Postsecondary Education): www.ed.gov/ope
- 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.triounit.us
- U.S. Department of Education: FastWeb

Loan Information

Always borrow federal first. Federal student loans are cheaper, more accessible, and have better repayment terms than private student loans.

Federal Perkins Loan
- For undergraduate and graduate students
- Undergraduate students: loan amount up to $5,500
- Graduate and professional students: loan amount up to $8,500
- College is the lender

Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan
- For undergraduate 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 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at least half-time
- Loan amount between $5,500 and $12,500, depending on school
- Students are 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 terms based on credit scores
- For more information on private/alternative loans, visit www.fastweb.org/private-loans

Have a Question or Comment?
Email: memberservices@fastweb.com
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"- Unsent emails that bear the logo of your bank or credit card
- Appears legitimate but are traps to get you to give 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 anti-virus 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/scholarship.scams; call 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357), or visit FTC Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 800 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20580
State Attorney General's Office File your complaint with the Consumer Protection Division in your state. Visit www. nfic.org to find your state Attorney General's Office
US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) File an online complaint involving mail fraud at www.uspisk.com; call the Crime Hotline at 877-876-2485 or write to Inspection Service Support Group 232 S Riverside Plaza, Ste. 1250 Chicago, IL 60602-1800
Better Business Bureau (BBB) File an online complaint about a business at www.bbb.org or call 703-276-0900

2014-2015 Calendar
August 2014
1 - ACT Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test
21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 9/13 Test
September 2014
12 - SAT Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test
13 - SAT Test (Selected States)
19 - ACT Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test
30 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test
October 2014
Choose AP coordinators if participating
1 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 10/11 Test
9 - SAT Regular Registration Deadline for 11/8 Test
11 - SAT & Subject Tests
17 - PSAT/NMSQT
18 - PSAT/NMSQT
25 - ACT Test
26 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 11/8 Test

November 2014
6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test
7 - ACT Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test
8 - SAT & Subject Tests
21 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test
24 - SAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/6 Test
December 2014
6 - SAT & Subject Tests
12 - ACT Test
29 - SAT Registration Deadline for 1/24 Test
January 2015
1 - 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 Test
22 - 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 3/14 Test
14 - SAT Test (only)
27 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 4/17 Test
April 2015
6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 5/2 Test
8 - 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
6 - SAT Registration Deadline for 6/6 Test
8 - ACT Registration Deadline for 6/10 Test
11 - AP Exams - Week 2
22 - ACT Late Registration Deadline for 6/6 Test
27 - Late Registration Deadline for 6/10 Test
June 2015
1 - SAT & Subject Tests
13 - ACT Test
20 - Last day to submit 2014-2015 FAFSA
Summer 2015
End of year AP scores available by phone, AP grades sent
Order materials: www.fastweb.com/educators

Contacts

Associations/Organizations
ACA (American Counseling Association)
800-347-6347 / www.counseling.org
ASCA (American School Counselor Association)
800-358-7327 / asc@schoolcounselor.org
www.schoolcounseling.org
The College Board
866-650-9505 / www.collegeboard.com
NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)
800-922-6231 / info@nacac.org
www.nacac.net
NASA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)
202-788-1000 / web@nasfaa.org
www.nasfaa.org
NCAN (National College Access Network)
202-347-4626 / ncac@collegeaccess.org
www.collegeaccess.org
NSPA (National Scholarship Providers Association)
303-442-2924 / awiniclear@scholarshipproviders.org
www.scholarshipproviders.org

Government
U.S. Dept. of Education
800-433-1411 (800-433-1411 / www.ed.gov
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
800-4-FED-AID (800-4-FED-AID / www.fafsa.ed.gov
FSAC (Federal Student Aid Information Center)
800-4-FED-AID (800-4-FED-AID / www.sas.gov
NCES (National Center for Education Statistics)

Testing
ACT (American College Testing)
312-284-4600 / www.actstudent.org
AP (Advanced Placement)
888-AP-TEST (888-478-3865 / www.collegeboard.org
CLEP (College-Level Examination Programs)
800-257-9555 / www.collegeboard.org
clep.collegeboard.org
SAT (Scholastic Assessment)
866-756-7476 / www.collegeboard.org
SAT and AP (Scholastic Assessment)
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