

## SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

### Scam Warning Signs:

- Fee is required
- Money back guarantee
- Credit card/bank account information required
- Offers exclusive information

### Common Scams:

- Phony scholarship – promises cash if a registration fee is paid
- Phony scholarship matching service – pay a fee and they guarantee the student will win a scholarship
- Phony educational loan – pay a fee and receive a low interest rate
- Phony financial aid seminar – one big sales pitch

### Reporting Scams:

- National Fraud Information Center  
Call: toll-free hotline at 1-800-876-7060  
Visit: [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)  
Write: NFIC  
P.O. Box 65868  
Washington, DC, 20035
- Federal Trade Commission  
Call: 11-888-FTC-HELP  
Visit: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)  
Write: Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC, 20580
- Arizona State Attorney General's Office  
File complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Protection
- Better Business Bureau  
Report business fraud or ask for information about a company  
Visit: [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)
- US Postal Inspection Service  
Call: Postal Crime Hotline at 1-800-654-8896  
Write: United States Postal Service  
Attention: Hotline  
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