

# Financial Aid Scam Sense

**Need money for college?** Before you start applying for financial aid, make sure you know what's legitimate and what's not. Don't fall victim to a scam.

The Claim	The Truth
"To receive this scholarship, applicants must submit a \$10 application fee."	<b>SCAM!</b> Be wary of any scholarship that charges an application fee.
"We guarantee all applicants will get money for college."	<b>SCAM!</b> No legitimate sponsor will guarantee a scholarship.
"We do all the work and apply on your behalf."	<b>SCAM!</b> To win a scholarship, you must submit your own application.
"We can hold a scholarship for you by using your credit card information."	<b>SCAM!</b> Never give out a credit card or bank account number unless you are 100% sure the organization is legitimate.
"You can't get this information anywhere else."	<b>SCAM!</b> Everyone has access to the same free information.

For **FREE** information on financial aid, check out these resources:

- [PHEAA.org](http://PHEAA.org)
- [EducationPlanner.org](http://EducationPlanner.org)
- [ed.gov](http://ed.gov)
- [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)
- [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)
- Your school counselor
- Your school library and public library

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