



Don't Get Hooked... On Scholarship Scams!

It is easy to fall victim to scholarship offers that come in the mail promising thousands of dollars in scholarship money for only a nominal service fee. FAME strongly discourages students from paying a fee to any company to assist in the scholarship search or financial aid application process. Use only free searches and save your money to pay your tuition bill!

The Hook...

The Truth...

<i>"For a fee, we provide a comprehensive list of scholarships."</i>	Don't spend money on a fee-based scholarship service. The biggest and best scholarship databases are available for free on the Web.
<i>"Billions of dollars in scholarship money goes unclaimed."</i>	Statements about funds going unclaimed are often untrue. If funds are available, students will compete for them.
<i>"We have a money-back guarantee."</i>	Legitimate scholarships are always competitive. No one can guarantee that you will win a scholarship.
<i>"We need your credit card or bank account number"</i>	No legitimate scholarship should require your credit card number or bank account numbers.
<i>"We will do all the work"</i>	To receive a scholarship, students must complete the applications and essays themselves. No one else can do the work for them.
<i>"The national scholarship company needs you to sign the paperwork ASAP."</i>	An official-sounding name does not mean a company is legitimate. Scams sometimes use words like "national" and "educations" in their titles.

Report Suspected Scams to:

- www.fraud.org
- www.ftc.gov
- www.bbb.org
- <http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>

Free Scholarship Searches:

- www.famemaine.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.collegetoolkit.com