



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.

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 "education" 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