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HOW TO AVOID SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

Beware of scholarship scammers.
Check out of their favorite tricks:

“Free seminar.”

It may be legitimate or it may be a hidden sales pitch.

“You can’t find this information anywhere else.”

Yes, you can. They don’t know about anything that you can’t learn on your own.

“You’re a finalist!” or “You’ve won!”

In a contest you never entered. The caller offers to hold your award funds in return for your credit card or bank account number. Hang up!

“First come, first served.”

This may apply to some legitimate forms of financial aid, but not to scholarships. However, legitimate scholarship sponsors do impose deadlines.

“Millions of dollars go unclaimed.”

False! Every legitimate scholarship sponsor predetermines award amounts and works very hard to select the most qualified recipients.

“It’s guaranteed!”

What’s usually guaranteed is search “results”—not scholarship money. We can show you how to conduct your own first-rate search.

We’ll do the work for you ... for a fee.

The fee may be nominal and the offer may sound legitimate. Be sure to research the company before paying anyone to search for scholarships for you.

USE SALLIE MAE’S FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH!

Your search will provide access to an award database containing over 3 million scholarships worth more than \$16 billion.

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