



**National Association for  
College Admission Counseling**

*Guiding the way to higher education*

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## Something Seem Fishy to You? Don't Get Hooked!

Need FREE help in finding money for college? The form you need to complete is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form and you don't have to pay anyone anything to complete this form in order to access financial aid for higher education expenses. When you complete the FAFSA online, be sure you are on the free site <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> and not some other domain that uses 'fafsa' in its name. That way you won't get hooked into paying a fee.

Don't believe that paying for this service guarantees you more money. There are plenty of FREE services in every state that assist families with completion of this form. College is expensive enough without having to pay to find money for college. Whether you have one question or many, these services are completely FREE and provided by professionals whose job it is to help families find money for college.

Below are places to go and people to ask about helping you through this process:

- **NACAC's Scholarship Scam Web page** has links to recent news on scholarship scams around the country, as well as and recent compliance actions taken by the Federal Trade Commission against fraudulent student aid companies and programs:  
<http://www.nacacnet.org/MemberPortal/ForStudents/ScholarshipScams/>
- **College Goal Sunday** is a program in 35 states that helps families complete the FAFSA. Check out [www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org) for this service and other state programs that will assist you.
- **College admission and financial aid officers** will help you with your questions whether it's the college you plan to attend or any college near you.
- **High School Guidance Counselors** will help families make contact with the people and places that will assist with higher education questions.
- **Your state's department of education** will have information on state-specific grants and scholarships. Find your state's Web page here:  
<http://www.ed.gov/Programs/bastmp/SEA.htm>.
- **US Department of Education's** Web site has information on all federal student aid programs: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).