

## **Warning: Please be aware of scholarship scams!**

There are many people out there trying to take advantage of students and parents looking for scholarships. There are several things that might alert you to a problem:

1. The people you are dealing with are guaranteeing that you will get a scholarship. Unless they are the ones giving the scholarship, they can't guarantee anything.
2. They are asking you for money. People giving out scholarships are in the business of giving money away. They shouldn't be asking you for it.
3. They ask you for your credit card or bank information. There is no reason a legitimate organization would need this information.
4. You're told you won a scholarship that you never applied for, and are then asked for personal information. Sorry, no one is going to win anything they haven't applied for.
5. They won't answer your questions. A legitimate organization should be upfront about whatever you want to know.

\*\*\*If you feel that an organization is not being upfront with you, please don't deal with them. Keep track of any information you have about the organization and then contact the Federal Trade Commission at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams>