

Match the Scam/Scheme

Directions: Match the name of the scam/scheme in the column on the left to one of the definitions below.

Scam or Scheme	Definition
Rent-to-own	G
Credit-repair scheme	A
College financial-aid scam	B
Pyramid scheme	F
Payday loan	E
Identify theft	C
Loan scam	D

- A. A fraudulent company offers to erase a consumer's bad credit history or remove bankruptcy information from the consumer's credit records. It collects an up-front fee, and it can in fact do nothing to "repair" a consumer's poor credit record.
- B. A fraudulent company offers to find a student a scholarship. It collects an up-front fee and fails to provide the scholarship.
- C. Scam artists get your name, Social Security number, credit card number, or some other piece of your personal information and use this information to open a new credit card account, cellular phone account, or checking account.
- D. A fraudulent company offers a personal debt consolidation loan, collects an up-front fee, and never provides the loan.
- E. A legal loan that allows a person to get cash until payday, with no credit background check. Typically, the interest rate (APR) is quite high.
- F. A fraudulent company in which the first participants receive payment for recruiting additional members.
- G. A legal scheme offered by some businesses whereby the consumer pays a very high price for appliances, furniture, and electronics products because the consumer first rents an item and then buys it.

