



## PROMOTING HEALTHY USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Child Mind Institute has a database of lessons and videos that address mental health concerns and promote positive parenting and thriving kids. Helpful for parents and students!

Check out this video on [How to Promote Child's Healthy Use of Technology](#). Expert advice on how to find a good balance between staying connected via technology and ensuring safety in the digital world.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIORS

Check out this list of [Scholarships for Juniors](#) with deadlines ranging from **May 17 to June 10**. Juniors should take advantage of these opportunities NOW before they become seniors.

Applying to outside scholarships is a good way to prepare for college now while you are waiting for applications to open in August.

Reminder of more scholarship search websites and we have highlighted one specific scholarship below available to all grade levels.

- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [studentscholarships.org](#)
- [SD Foundation](#)
- [Big Future Scholarships](#)
- [Raise.Me](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [GoingMerry](#)



## VISIONARY SCHOLARSHIP

The Visionary Scholarship is a bi-annual award. There are five (5) awards given with each bi-annual deadline - with a total of ten (10) college scholarships awarded for each school year.

Awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 each.

Next bi-annual award deadline: **June 1, 2024**

Eligible grades: Class of 2024, 2025, 2026, & 2027

The 2024-2025 award year flyer, [click here](#) and ACF Visionary Scholarship [complete details](#).

The application is free and the student does NOT need to demonstrate financial need in order to qualify.

## SENIOR COLLEGE DECISIONS

### Decision Day

College Decision Day is usually **May 1**, but a delayed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has delayed many financial aid letters. As a result, some colleges and universities are pushing back their Decision Days until **May 15** or **June 1**.

### Waitlists

Waitlisted applicants can expect to hear back from the college that waitlisted them after the deadline for high school seniors to commit to their chosen university. For some students, the wait time may stretch well into the summer, shortly before fall classes are due to start.

There are many reasons a college may waitlist students. Here are two of the most common:

- **Space:** Colleges have a limited number of spots for their incoming first-year classes. As such, they want to avoid accepting too many people all at once. Putting applicants on a waitlist allows schools to see how many accepted students have committed to attending before admitting additional students.
- **Borderline Applicants:** Some students straddle the border between acceptance and rejection due to a mix of impressive and less impressive parts in their applications. For example, an applicant may have submitted a well-written, compelling essay, but their test scores and grades weren't quite up to par.

While the college admissions process can be stressful, many of our seniors have already committed to their college of choice and we love to celebrate them with an end of the year party...

## FIRE AND ICE SENIOR PARTY



We are throwing the annual **Fire & Ice College Decision Ice Cream Party** for seniors on **Wednesday, May 22, during lunchtime**. Come to the front of the Academic Center. We will eat ice cream while you throw away the colleges that said no in a "firey" trash can and celebrate the colleges who said yes!

We want to celebrate all of you and the application journeys you have been on. The ups and downs, the highs and lows. It is all part of the process of achieving your college and career goals.

