



# College Corner

December 2018

What happens after you apply to colleges? The waiting game begins!

## Scholarship Opportunities

Here are some scholarships that are available for you. Please visit the websites to apply. Also be sure to use the Scholarship Search feature on Naviance or create a profile on Fastweb.com to look for more scholarships.

[Newman Society Essay Scholarship Contest](#)

[Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County](#)

[Polish Heritage Essay Scholarship](#)

[Richard and Elizabeth Dean Scholarship](#)

[Flavorful Futures Scholarship](#)

These scholarships are open to any student that meets their eligibility requirements and the deadlines vary. Visit the website for more info and to access the application.



Many colleges are still accepting applications for their regular action deadlines. Keep working on your applications for these schools. Deadlines for regular action vary, so make sure you know when those deadlines are. They can be anywhere from December 1 to May 1. Here is a handy guide as to what deadlines exist for a particular school:

<http://www.collegesimply.com/guides/application-deadlines/>

Please remember to also check the college's website or application as this list is not official from the college. Once you submit an application, let your counselor know. We will send your transcripts, school reports, and any letters of recommendations. Also remember to submit your official SAT and/or ACT score reports directly from the College Board website or ACT website. Good job on getting those applications submitted!



## Important Upcoming Dates

December 1  
SAT Test Date

December 5  
Late Start

December 8  
ACT Test Date

December 11  
All School Mass

December 13  
Winter Band Concert

December 21  
End of Second Quarter

December 19-21  
Final Exams

December 24-  
January 4  
Winter Break

## *How long will I have to wait to hear back from a college?*

Great question! It depends on when you applied. If you met the early action deadline for a school, you should hear within the next few weeks.

There are three possible outcomes:

- You are accepted (Awesome!)
- You are denied (It'll be ok!)
- You are deferred to the regular action decision date (This is ok!)

If you are deferred, the college will request your first semester of senior year grades. Make sure you let your counselor know if you are deferred so we know to send your mid-year transcript to any early action schools.

If you are accepted, congratulations! You have until May 1 to make your decision, and this will give you time to see your financial aid award letter from your early and regular action schools.

If you are denied, you will be ok. This is the reason you apply to more than one school. Keep an eye out for messages from the other places to which you've applied.

If you are applying to schools and meeting their regular action deadlines, you will most likely not hear anything until February or March. We understand it is a long time to wait, but there are plenty of other things you can do while you wait.

Make sure you are working on your FAFSA, if you haven't already started. Finish it over Christmas break, as that is a good time to work on it. Please ask if you have any questions about it. Also check to see if a school requires the CSS Profile. Not every school does, so here is a list: <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>

Also look for and apply for scholarships. Colleges will have their own, and they will let you know any other requirements necessary in order to apply for them. There are also different groups and organizations that have scholarships available for you. Please see the list on Naviance or complete the Naviance Scholarship Search or use FastWeb.com. Both are excellent resources to help you find free money for college.

While doing all of this, pay attention to your email! Colleges will communicate with you via this method. If there is anything they need, they will let you know through email. Check it at least once a week and make sure you read the messages.

As always, please let your counselor know if you have any questions.