

2008-09 High School Graduates and Earlier

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Regarding Changes to Your Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

*Please read this notice carefully so that you fully understand the changes
to Bright Futures and how they affect you.*

To All Bright Futures Recipients:

The 2011 Florida Legislature passed legislation requiring all Bright Futures eligible students to file the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) annually. The Florida State Programs deadline of May 15 does not apply to Bright Futures.

The 2010 Florida Legislative Session resulted in several changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the 2010-11 academic year. These changes are still in effect and are outlined below along with a reminder of important changes made during the 2009 Florida Legislative Session. Additional information regarding the changes summarized below is available on the website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf.

Award Amounts

Students will continue to receive a flat cost per credit hour award during the **2011-12** academic year. Link here for the [2011-12 Bright Futures award amounts](#).

Bright Futures awards may be prorated if the appropriation is not sufficient to cover the full cost of the awards.

Dropped/Withdrawn Courses

Students must continue to refund the cost of any dropped or withdrawn Bright Futures funded course to their institution. Dropped/withdrawn courses may affect your renewal eligibility. Please visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/ssfad/bf/renewpg.htm for additional renewal information.

Graduate Study

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars(FMS) who complete their baccalaureate degree in the 2010-11 academic year or after in 7 semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in credit hours) may receive funding for 1 term of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester hours, paid at the undergraduate rate.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact our office toll-free at 1-888-827-2004. Please visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf for additional information regarding recent changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program