

2010-11 High School Graduates
IMPORTANT NOTICE

***READ this notice carefully to be informed of the
Bright Futures requirements that affect YOUR scholarship***

The 2009, 2010 and 2011 Florida Legislature passed new legislation which **affects scholarship criteria**. See information below and read more on the Bright Futures website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- All Bright Futures eligible students must annually file this application. It is available from January 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012 and must be completed prior to the student receiving their first annual disbursement.

Award Amounts

- Students receive a flat cost per credit hour award, not a percentage of tuition and fees. Visit <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/awardamt.htm> for the **2011-12 Bright Futures award amounts**.

Dropped/Withdrawn Courses

- Students are required to **refund** the cost of any **dropped or withdrawn** Bright Futures funded hours to their institution. Visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/ssfad/bf/renewpg.htm for additional **funding** information.

Renewal Requirements

- **Renewal Opportunity:** 2010-11 high school graduates who receive funds in the 2011-12 year (fall – spring) will be required to earn their program’s requisite GPA (FAS 3.0 and FMS/GSV 2.75) and the hours for which they were funded **by the end of the spring term** in order to become a **Renewed student** for the following year (2012-13).
 - Students who do **NOT** earn the hours for which they were funded by Renewal evaluation (the end of 2012 spring term), will be **TERMINATED** from the scholarship program.
- **Restoration Opportunity:** 2010-11 high school graduates who receive funds in the 2011-12 year (fall – spring) and **do NOT earn the requisite GPA ONLY**, will be permitted a **one-time restoration opportunity in summer** restoration evaluations or **subsequent spring** evaluations to become a **Restored student** for a subsequent year.
 - Students who fail to meet the minimum GPA requirement **AFTER** their first year of funding will **NOT renew** and will **NOT be permitted a restoration opportunity** (summer or subsequent spring evaluations), but will be **TERMINATED** from the scholarship program.
- **Reinstatement Opportunity:** 2010-11 high school graduates who receive funds in the 2011-12 year (fall – spring) and meet the GPA and hours requirements at the end of spring term but choose **NOT** to attend in the 2012-13 year, may file a Reinstatement Application in subsequent years to continue funding as a **Reinstated student**.
 - Students who choose not to receive funds in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 **must, before the end of the 2013-14 year, file** a Reinstatement Application **and receive** funding in the 2013-14 year (fall – spring) or will be **TERMINATED** from the scholarship program.
- Visit <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/renewstu.htm> for additional **renewal requirements** information.

Program Length - Hours of Funding Available

- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) **who graduate from high school in the 2010-11 year** are eligible to receive funding for up to 100% of their program of study.
- Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) **who graduate from high school in the 2010-11 year** are eligible to receive funding for up to 100% of their program of study, up to 90 credit hours.
- Visit <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/renewchart.htm> for additional **hours** information.

Graduate Study

- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) who **complete their baccalaureate degree** in seven semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in credit hours) may receive funding for one term of graduate study, up to but not to exceed 15 semester hours, paid at the undergraduate rate.
- Visit <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/renewchart.htm> for additional **graduate study** information.