



Bright Futures Eligibility Appeal

Student Name: _____

SFSC ID: _____ Phone: _____

Aid year: _____

Scholarship for which you are requesting the evaluation:

- Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship (3.0 min GPA)
- Florida Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship (2.75 min GPA)
- Florida Bright Futures Gold Seal Scholarship (2.75 min GPA)

Renewal requirements for each scholarship listed:

- 12 credit hours earned for each term paid if enrolled full-time
- 9 credit hours earned for each term paid if enrolled ¾ time
- 6 credit hours earned for each term paid if enrolled ½ time

Florida Statutes provide an appeal process for students who do not meet academic progress requirements for renewal of the Bright Futures Scholarships. The law allows exceptions to be made when students fall below the minimum grade point average and/or credit hours earned requirements for a state award. Appeals may be filed when a student does not meet academic progress requirements due to one of two circumstances: illness or emergency. The appeal documents must present a clear connection between the illness or emergency and the student’s poor academic performance.

Step 1: LETTER

- Carefully prepare and attach to this appeal coversheet your **typewritten** letter of explanation.
- The letter must clearly identify the illness and/or emergency including dates of occurrence.
- The letter must also clearly describe how it impacted your academic performance.

Step 2: DOCUMENTATION

- Provide date-specific documentation to substantiate your written statement.
- The date must be clearly identified on the documentation and must relate to the specific illness or emergency discussed in your letter.
- Documentation should not exceed seven pages.

Step 3: SUBMIT

- Submit this form with your letter and appropriate documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

NOTE:

- Submission of the Bright Futures Eligibility Appeal does not take the place of the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal. However, if you need both, you can attach this form and the SAP Appeal form to your letter and documentation.
- Failure to provide legible, adequate, and/or time specific documentation will result in your appeal being denied.

➤ **By signing below, the student acknowledges and confirms that the above is complete and correct.**

Print Student’s Name

Student’s Signature

Date

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Appeal status: _____ Approved _____ Denied
 SSFAD updated: _____ Yes _____ No
 Current cumulative GPA: _____
 Total hours earned for year in question: _____

FAO Counselor’s name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please submit all documents to:
 South Florida State College
 Financial Aid Office, Bldg. B-168
 600 W College Drive, Avon Park FL 33825*