Florida Bright Futures Scholarship:
Reinstatement and Restoration

Applying for Reinstatement or Restoration

A student must complete a Reinstatement/Restoration Application available on the Bright Futures website. The academic year for which a student is applying is at the top of the application.

Restoration Requirements

A one-time restoration opportunity is available under limited circumstances.

A Bright Futures, Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) who did not meet at least the 2.75 GPA renewal requirement, but DID meet the credit hours renewal requirement during the first year of funding has a one-time opportunity to restore the scholarship. Renewal is determined at the end of spring term each academic year.

A Bright Futures, Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) who dropped to FMS award eligibility due to not meeting the 3.0 grade point average (GPA) requirement for FAS has a one-time opportunity to restore to FAS.

Students seeking to use their one-time restoration opportunity should verify their home institution’s policies concerning how cumulative GPAs are calculated. The cumulative GPA for Bright Futures is unrounded and unweighted to two decimal places.

Restoration requirements can be satisfied by using one of the following options:

- Take summer classes that your institution will apply towards your cumulative GPA based on their institutional policies (or fall term classes for spring/summer cohort students) and request that the financial aid office submit a summer grades and hours update to the Bright Futures office indicating the adjusted cumulative GPA and hours; or
- Raise your cumulative GPA above the renewal requirement before the fall term (or spring term for spring/summer cohort students) for which you are seeking funding.

For more information about reinstatement and restoration, review the Bright Futures Student Handbook—Chapter 3.

The Bright Futures website is located at the following link, www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm

An eligible student who did not receive funding during the previous academic year and would now like to apply for scholarship funding is a reinstating student.

If a student did not receive award funding in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, the student must apply within two years of high school graduation to reinstate the award.

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