

# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES

EFFECTIVE FALL 2009

## 1. Bright Futures Scholarship pays at a fixed rate of \$78 per credit hour.

- ✓ Hillsborough Community College's fall 2009 tuition cost is \$87.38 per credit hour.
- ✓ Scholarship recipients or sources of financial aid will have to pay \$9.38 per credit hour.
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid if you need additional funds to help pay for college. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## 2. Bright Futures Scholarship does not pay for lab fees.

- ✓ The student or other sources of financial aid will have to pay for lab fees assessed for classes enrolled.

## 3. Florida Academic Scholars will not pay for college-related expenses.

- ✓ The State of Florida will no longer fund the payment of college-related fees from the Florida Academic Scholarship program.

## 4. Bright Futures Scholarship will not pay for Dropped or Withdraw from classes.

- ✓ Students will be required to repay the cost for any course dropped or withdrawn.
- ✓ Repayment for the cost of dropped or withdrawn courses is required to renew a Bright Futures award for a subsequent academic year.
- ✓ Students with documented extenuating circumstances may seek an appeal to this payment requirement.
- ✓ Contact your campus Financial Aid Office to inquire about:
  - The amount you will owe if you drop or withdraw from a class.
  - If you qualify for an appeal waiving your obligation to repay for funds owed.

## 5. Renewal Criteria

- ✓ Bright Futures students are required to complete the number of credit hours paid by the scholarship program.
- ✓ For example:
  - If you received a Bright Futures scholarship for the semester based upon full-time enrollment, you are required to complete at least 12 credit hours.
  - If your term enrollment is 9-11 credit hours, you must complete the minimum of 9 credit hours.
  - If your term enrollment is 6-8 credit hours, you must complete the minimum of 6 credit hours.

## 6. Restoration options extended.

- ✓ Students who do not meet the minimum renewal credit hours may regain their eligibility by completing the outstanding credit hours needed in the summer 2010 term.
- ✓ Review the State of Florida's website for additional information:  
[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf).

You may visit your Financial Aid Manager or Counselor for additional information. Office hours are as follows: Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm; Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; and Friday, 8:00 am to noon.

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