



Required Hours for Renewal

As of the 2009-10 academic year, Bright Futures recipients are required to meet new minimum credit hour requirements to renew their award each year. The Florida Legislature amended Section 1009.532 (1)(a), Florida Statutes, to require **full-time** students to earn at least 24 semester hours, or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours, to renew their award (prorated for part-time students). The chart below outlines the new credit hour requirement for students funded in 2009-10 and thereafter.

Students are **NOT REQUIRED** to attend full-time to receive Bright Futures funding. Students may continue to attend part-time and receive Bright Futures funding. Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 semester hours per term (or the equivalent) to receive Bright Futures funding.

Students are **NOT REQUIRED** to complete more hours than they are funded to renew their Bright Futures award. Students who are funded for part-time enrollment will need to meet the credit hours for renewal as specified in the chart below.

Bright Futures renewal evaluations are conducted annually after spring term grades and hours are reported by the student's home postsecondary institution. Students are evaluated based on the earned credit hours for the entire academic year and their cumulative GPA.

Summer grades and hours earned after spring evaluation may be used if necessary to meet the scholarship renewal requirements. A student must ask a **financial aid officer at the home postsecondary institution** (that reported spring renewal grade and hours) to submit a grade and hours update to the Bright Futures office indicating the adjusted postsecondary institutional cumulative GPA and/or hours.

Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirements

Institution Term Type	Credit Hour Type	Student Funded (per term)	Required Earned Hours (per term)
Semester	Semester Hour	12+ Hours (Full-Time)	12
		9-11 Hours (Three-Quarter Time)	9
		6-8 Hours (Half-Time)	6