



2009-10 Bright Futures Eligibility Appeal

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Student's name: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ SPC ID#: _____ Phone: _____

Scholarship for which you are requesting the appeal:

- Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship (3.0 min GPA, 6 credit hours earned for each term paid).
- Florida Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship (2.75 min GPA, 6 credit hours earned for each term paid).
- Florida Bright Futures Gold Seal Scholarship (2.75 min GPA, 6 credit hours earned for each term paid).

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.

Step 3: SUBMIT

- Submit this form with your letter and appropriate documentation to the FAS office or MAP center on the campus of your choice.

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.

Signature

Signing this worksheet certifies that all the information reported is complete and correct. If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

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: _____

Staff name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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