PROGRAM DETAILS

Initial Eligibility

• Bright Futures eligibility is determined at the high school level. Students should meet with their guidance counselor beginning in 9th grade to see what the requirements are.

Renewal Eligibility

• Is determined by the State based on your GPA and completed number of credits at the college you attend at the end of Spring semester.
ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Attend an eligible Florida Postsecondary Institution to use funding.
- Must be a Florida Resident and a US Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
  - Permanent US Resident (I-551)
  - Conditional Permanent US Resident (I-551C)
  - Holder of an I-94 with the designation of “Refugee,” “Asylum Granted,” or “Parolee,”
  - T-Visa Holder
  - “Cuban Haitian Entrant”
  - Holder of a valid certification proving “Victim of Human Trafficking” from DHHS
ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Must be degree seeking. Awards cannot be determined if a major has not been selected.

- Enroll in a minimum of six non-remedial semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter/clock hours) per term to receive funding. However, if a student has less than six semester hours to graduate or six semester hours remaining on his/her scholarship the student may receive funding. Student should let financial aid know if this is the case.
ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

• A student may choose to receive funding for one or both terms during the academic year (fall & spring). **SUMMER TERM IS NOT FUNDED.**

• Student should contact Bright Futures if they decide to delay scholarship.
RESTRICTIONS OF BRIGHT FUTURES FUNDING

- Maximum 45 semester hours per academic year.

- No remedial course work will be funded.
BRIGHT FUTURES AWARDS

- Awards are forwarded to the school around July 1 of each year (and are loaded on a weekly basis thereafter).

- Awards are per credit hour and the per credit hour amount is determined by the State.

- Goal Seal no longer covers AA transfer degrees. (Starting 2012-2013 recipients)

- IRSC enters estimated amount for awards.

- Student can print schedules or go online to see what portion of their fees are covered and what they are required to pay.
REASONS WHY A STUDENT IS NOT AWARDED

• No admissions application on file at IRSC.

• Have not declared a degree program.

• Did not list IRSC as the school of record.

• Have not received notification from BF of scholarship eligibility
SCHOLARSHIP LENGTH

- Is now determined based on the year student graduated from high school (check Bright Futures website). Scholarships usually cover at least 100% of program.
Withdrawals

• Students are now required to repay funds received for dropped/withdrawn hours. **Note: If you are receiving BF funds at IRSC, you will be unable to withdraw online.**

• Students are not required to complete credits they have repaid.

• A hold will be placed on students records until funds are repaid.

• If funds are not repaid by the end of Spring term, student’s BF will not be renewed for the next academic year.

• Students can submit a petition for reinstatement of BF if there is a **verifiable illness or emergency.**
# Renewal Requirements

## Credit Requirements

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RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Grades and Hours will be submitted at the end of every Spring semester.

- Summer Grades and Hours earned after the Spring semester may be used to meet scholarship requirements. VERIFY ON BRIGHT FUTURES WEBSITE!!!

- STUDENTS must request their summer grades and hours be submitted to the state by completing a re-evaluation form. This form is located on the IRSC financial aid website. Forms can be dropped off in the financial aid office to Sasha Ramirez-Acosta or in student services or faxed to 772-462-4606.
REINSTATEMENT AND RESTORATION

- Check the Bright Futures website for reinstatement and/or restoration criteria.

- Requirements will depend on the year you graduated from high school.

- Website information is at the end of this presentation
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Where can a student use the Bright Futures Scholarship?

- I was a dual enrolled student, do I still need to select a major?

- May a student receive funding for courses taken at two different postsecondary institutions during the same term?

- What if a student wants to change schools and receive funding at the new school they will be attending?
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• Must a student use the scholarship for a full academic year?

• How does Bright Futures process if I have other scholarships (FL pre-paid, athletic, tuition, etc) or Financial Aid?

• Can I use my Bright Futures scholarship for books if my other scholarships or Financial Aid is paying my tuition?

• If I attend a community/state college, can I save my scholarship to use at a university?
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- BRIGHT FUTURES WEBSITE (OSFA): www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
  (click on State Grants, Scholarships, Applications)

- BRIGHT FUTURES TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-888-827-2004

IRSC Student Services and Financial Aid:
772-462-4740 and 772-462-7450
www.irsc.edu