



FINANCIAL AID
BRIGHT Futures Appeal Form

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Student Name _____ SF ID # _____
Address _____ Apt # _____ Phone # _____
City/State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

A student has the right to appeal the suspension of a Bright Futures (BF) Scholarship if (s)he falls below the minimum grade point average and/or credit hours required for eligibility due to a verifiable illness or emergency beyond his/her control.

In addition, if a student owes a repayment to BF for withdrawing from courses after the drop with a refund period, the repayment may be waived if there is a verifiable illness or other documented emergency beyond the student's control. The institution is permitted to impose a deadline to appeal for repayment. The deadline for receipt of a repayment appeal for the 2016-2017 award year is June 15, 2017.

In order to appeal termination of BF eligibility, complete this form and return this document along with supporting documentation to the Santa Fe College Financial Aid Office. You will be sent a notification via a letter in the mail regarding the decision of your appeal.

I am submitting an appeal for the following reason:

Table with 2 columns: Reason (checkbox) and Description. Includes options for dual enrollment removal, waiver of repayment, suspension appeal, and grade change.

~The appeal committee reserves the right to revoke any prior appeal decision based on new information or documentation which would warrant such action.

By initialing _____ I am certifying that the information submitted is true and correct. All documentation is subject to verification by the Financial Aid Office. In cases where submitted documentation is forged, tampered with, or otherwise fraudulent, I may face criminal and/or disciplinary actions...

I, _____, authorize my healthcare provider(s) or any other organization, if applicable, to verify the authenticity of all healthcare related documents and other non-healthcare documents that I have included in the completed appeal packet.

Student Signature

Date

Find our Equal Access/Equal Opportunity statement online at www.sfcollege.edu/eaao

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Approved Denied Withdrawn Letter Sent OSFA Notified/Updated

Date: _____ Committee Initials: _____

Important Information

Bright Futures Renewal Eligibility Please visit Bright Futures official website for further detailed information regarding your eligibility: <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm>

A student who receives funding during the current academic year (fall through spring) is automatically evaluated for renewal at the end of the spring term. Renewal institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) and earned hours requirements.

Dropped or Withdrawn Courses

A student must reimburse the postsecondary institution for the cost of course(s) dropped or withdrawn after the initial drop/add period. The student will be ineligible to renew his/her Bright Futures award for any subsequent academic year until repayment or a satisfactory arrangement to reimburse the institution is made. Non-refunded hours will affect the student's renewal eligibility.

Summer grade and hours earned after spring evaluation

Summer grade and hours earned after spring evaluation may be used, if allowed, to meet the scholarship restoration 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. A Reinstatement/Restoration Application is not required.

Supporting Documentation for Suspension of Bright Futures – is **REQUIRED** and must be relevant to term(s). Maximum number of pages accepted not including appeal form and statement is 20 (single sided) or 10 (double sided) pages per appeal.

	Circumstances	Required Documentation (MUST include dates)
1.	Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician's letter typed on official letterhead Other medical documents, indicating <i>severity, duration, impact</i> of the condition, and confirm that the condition is now resolved or under control for student to return to complete coursework. Medical Bills and Explanation of Benefits (EOB) are unacceptable documentation. <p><i>If the medical situation relates to an immediate family member, the documentation MUST verify your role as a "caretaker" for the family member.</i></p>
2.	Death of Immediate Family Member or Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death certificate Newspaper notification Obituary <p><i>It is your responsibility to establish your relationship to the deceased individual.</i></p>
3.	Traumatic Life-altering Event	<p>Other Documented Circumstances Beyond Student's Control - Be sure to include dates and what you have done to overcome this situation in your statement. <i>Proof that issue has changed, resolved, or under control needs to be included.</i></p> <p>Documentation includes, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician, social worker, psychiatrist, police, court orders, divorce decree, personal tragedy, etc.

Any document of support written by family member, friend, or not on official letterhead should include the above and also **must be notarized and include the party's name, relationship to the student, and the student's Santa Fe College ID Number.

Due to privacy and confidentiality concerns, appeal decisions will not be released via email. Students will be notified of the results of their appeal decision via a letter in the US mail.