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MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Aid Directors and Bright Futures Contacts at Postsecondary Institutions Participating in State Scholarship and Grant Programs

FROM: Shawn Haskin
Director, State Scholarships and Grants

DATE: April 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Bright Futures Summer 2026 Funding

Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) are eligible to receive 100 percent of the cost of tuition and specified fees, and Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) are eligible to receive 75 percent of the cost of tuition and specified fees during summer 2026. Those eligible for summer funding include any FAS or FMS student eligible for funding for the 2025-26 academic year, and 2026 high school graduates who have been officially evaluated as eligible for an FAS or FMS award.

Please update communication with students so they are properly notified how to enroll in approved courses and receive funding. Below are key elements for preparing for the summer 2026 term.

- Initial allocations will be provided to institutions that submit a Summer Allocation Request Form by the stated deadline in the timetable below.
- Supplemental funds will be provided to institutions that reconcile by statutory deadlines.
- Students disbursed as FAS or FMS at your institution during Term 2 will automatically populate on your summer Master Eligibility List (MEL) if no alternative selection is made for summer 2026 (Term 6).
- Transient students must have prior approval by the “Home” institution to receive funding.
- The “Home” institution is where students are considered degree-seeking and will be allocated funds for the respective transient student.

Suzanne Pridgeon
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

Timetable for implementation:

- March 31 – Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) populated students on the appropriate summer MEL - Term 6 (SAIMELDT62526999.txt) or Term 0 (SAIMELDT02627999.txt).
- May 1 – Summer Allocation Request Forms are due to OSFA (see attached).
- May 8 – OSFA will send allocations to postsecondary institutions.
- August 7 – Term 6 reconciliation deadline for requesting additional funds.
- August 14 – Term 6 Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) closes (all subsequent changes must be sent to OSFA).

Please refer to the attached Questions and Answers document. For technical assistance, and if you have additional questions, please contact Amy Sebring at Amy.Sebring@fldoe.org, or at 888-827-2004.

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Attachments: Bright Futures Summer 2026 Allocation Request Form
Bright Futures Summer 2026 Funding – Questions and Answers
Letter sent to 2025-26 FAS and FMS Eligible Students
Letter sent to 2026-27 FAS and FMS Initial Eligible Students