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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Home Education Contacts

FROM: Shawn Haskin
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

DATE: February 10, 2026

SUBJECT: **District Certification for Bright Futures Scholarship Program Home Education and Personalized Education Program Applicants**

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has begun processing Bright Futures evaluations for the 2025-26 high school graduates seeking to be funded in the 2026-27 award year. District home education contacts are required to complete student certifications for 2025-26 high school graduates participating in district Home Education (HE) and/or the Personalized Education Program (PEP). Your assistance is required to provide certifications for those applicants, including documented student volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or a combination of both, no later than **August 31, 2026**.

Certification Instructions

To access certification pages online:

- Go to https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org.
- Click on the login link located in the upper right corner and log in using your User ID and Password.
- Select the High Schools menu.
- Choose **District Certification for Home-Educated and Personalized Education Program Students**. Search for a record by selecting the appropriate option in the **Student Type.**
- Provide the following certification material for the students who have applied from your school district:
    - Confirmation that the applicant was registered as a home-educated or PEP student; and
    - Certification of the total number of completed volunteer and/or paid work hours.

Please be advised that all User IDs and Passwords are deactivated following 150 days of inactivity. The Bright Futures security designee in your district can reset your password or reactivate your User ID.

Webinar Information

OSFA will host an informational training session for District personnel to better understand the topics outlined in this memorandum and address general questions related to the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Each session will be limited to the first 250 registered attendees. OSFA will host additional sessions, as needed.

Available Session Dates (choose one):

- Tuesday February 24, 2026 – 10:00AM to 11:00AM (EST)
- Thursday February 26, 2026 – 10:00AM to 11:00AM (EST)

To request attendance during one of the available sessions listed below, please send an email to Pedro.Hernandez@fldoe.org with the following information:

- Session Date,
- Attendee's First and Last Name,
- Email Address,
- Phone Number, and
- School District.

Bright Futures Contact Information

Please share information in this memo with the appropriate personnel. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact LeRoyce.Shelton@fldoe.org or call 850-410-6832.

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