

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
 3           Program; amending ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535, F.S.;  
 4           revising the student eligibility criteria for  
 5           specified awards within the Florida Bright Futures  
 6           Scholarship Program; providing an effective date.

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 8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10           Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
 11   1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

13           (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars  
 14   award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements  
 15   for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

16           (e) Has been recognized by the College Board National  
 17   ~~Hispanic Recognition Programs~~ Program as a scholar recipient.

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 19   The student must complete a program of volunteer service or,  
 20   beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023  
 21   academic year and thereafter, paid work, as approved by the  
 22   district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic school,  
 23   or the Department of Education for home education program  
 24   students, which must include 100 hours of volunteer service,  
 25   paid work, or a combination of both. Eligible paid work

26 | completed on or after June 27, 2022, shall be included in the  
 27 | student's total of paid work hours. The student may identify a  
 28 | social or civic issue or a professional area that interests him  
 29 | or her and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in  
 30 | addressing the issue or learning about the area. The student  
 31 | must, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and  
 32 | reflect upon his or her volunteer service or paid work  
 33 | experience. Such volunteer service or paid work may include, but  
 34 | is not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work  
 35 | for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on  
 36 | behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer  
 37 | service or paid work must be documented in writing, and the  
 38 | document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or  
 39 | guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the  
 40 | student performed the volunteer service or paid work.

41 | Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
 42 | 1009.535, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 | 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

44 | (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars  
 45 | award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements  
 46 | for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

47 | (e) Has been recognized by the College Board National  
 48 | ~~Hispanic Recognition Programs Program~~ as a scholar, but has not  
 49 | completed the program of volunteer service or paid work required  
 50 | under s. 1009.534.

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52 A high school student must complete a program of volunteer  
53 service or, beginning with a high school student graduating in  
54 the 2022-2023 academic year and thereafter, paid work approved  
55 by the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic  
56 school, or the Department of Education for home education  
57 program students, which must include 75 hours of volunteer  
58 service, 100 hours of paid work, or 100 hours of a combination  
59 of both. Eligible paid work completed on or after June 27, 2022,  
60 shall be included in a student's total of required paid work  
61 hours. The student may identify a social or civic issue or a  
62 professional area that interests him or her and develop a plan  
63 for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or  
64 learning about the area. The student must, through papers or  
65 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her  
66 volunteer service or paid work experience. Such volunteer  
67 service or paid work may include, but is not limited to, a  
68 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit  
69 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a  
70 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service or  
71 paid work must be documented in writing, and the document must  
72 be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and  
73 a representative of the organization for which the student  
74 performed the volunteer service or paid work.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.