



26 student has received under s. 1009.534(3) ~~s. 1009.534(2)~~ or s.  
 27 1009.535(2).

28 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 29 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
 31 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.-

32 (3) For purposes of calculating the grade point average to  
 33 be used in determining initial eligibility for a Florida Bright  
 34 Futures Scholarship, the department shall assign additional  
 35 weights to grades earned in the following courses:

36 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as  
 37 pre-Advanced Placement, Advanced Placement, pre-International  
 38 Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, International  
 39 General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), or  
 40 Advanced International Certificate of Education.

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 42 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other  
 43 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are  
 44 identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous  
 45 academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional  
 46 weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall  
 47 not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be  
 48 developed and distributed to all high schools in the state. The  
 49 department may determine a student's eligibility status during  
 50 the senior year before graduation and may inform the student of

51 | the award at that time.

52 |       Section 3. Subsections (2) through (4) of section  
 53 | 1009.534, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)  
 54 | through (5), respectively, paragraph (c) of subsection (1) is  
 55 | amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to  
 56 | read:

57 |       1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

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

61 |       (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate  
 62 | Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office, or an  
 63 | Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma from the  
 64 | University of Cambridge International Examinations Office, or an  
 65 | Advanced Placement Capstone designation from the College Board;  
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67 | The student must complete a program of volunteer service or,  
 68 | beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023  
 69 | academic year and thereafter, paid work, as approved by the  
 70 | district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic school,  
 71 | or the Department of Education for home education program  
 72 | students, which must include 100 hours of volunteer service or  
 73 | paid work. The student may identify a social or civic issue or a  
 74 | professional area that interests him or her and develop a plan  
 75 | for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or

76 | learning about the area. The student must, through papers or  
77 | other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her  
78 | volunteer service or paid work experience. Such volunteer  
79 | service or paid work may include, but is not limited to, a  
80 | business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit  
81 | community service organization, or activities on behalf of a  
82 | candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service or  
83 | paid work must be documented in writing, and the document must  
84 | be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and  
85 | a representative of the organization for which the student  
86 | performed the volunteer service or paid work.

87 |       (2) For purposes of this section, the Advanced Placement  
88 | Capstone designation shall consist of six Advanced Placement  
89 | courses including Advanced Placement Seminar, Advanced Placement  
90 | Research, one Advanced Placement course in mathematics or  
91 | science, one Advanced Placement course in English, one Advanced  
92 | Placement course in art, history, or social sciences, and one  
93 | Advanced Placement course in a subject of the student's choice.  
94 | Receipt of the Advanced Placement Capstone designation does not  
95 | satisfy the requirements for a standard high school diploma  
96 | under s. 1003.4282.

97 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.