**Section 1080.330 Determining and Administering Awards**

a) In determining the recipients of the awards, the Program Board shall:

1) consider only members of traditionally underrepresented minority groups who are underrepresented in particular fields of study;

2) favor recipients who received awards in previous years who maintain conditions of eligibility as enumerated in Section 1080.300 and have made satisfactory academic progress toward a degree, as determined by each institution, provided that no student shall receive assistance for more than four years.

b) In administering the award, the Program Board shall:

1) *determine the award amount annually* (Section 9 of the Act);

2) direct the Board to deliver the awards to the institution to disburse to the recipients, conditioned upon the recipients' satisfactory academic progress; and

3) attempt to achieve distribution of the awards among qualified institutions of higher education so that the awards are distributed equitably within fields of study and geographic locations in the State of Illinois and between public and private institutions of higher education.

c) Grant funds shall be distributed by the institutions to grantees during the period of DFI enrollment, not to exceed 12 months per award.