**Section 2759.20 Applicant Eligibility**

a) A qualified applicant shall be:

1) a resident of Illinois;

2) a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen;

3) a recipient of at least a bachelor's degree;

4) enrolled or accepted for enrollment on at least a half-time basis in an approved program of professional or practical nursing education at the graduate level at an Illinois institution of higher learning; and

5) maintaining satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution.