**Section 312.40 Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for a DCFS scholarship:

a) the applicant must be at least 16 years of age and have earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, or a General Education Development certificate/diploma, or have met the State criteria for high school graduation by the end of the current school year;

b) the Department must have court-ordered legal responsibility for the applicant, the applicant must have aged out of the Department's care at age 18 or older, or the Department must have had legal responsibility for the applicant immediately prior to the adoption being finalized, or the applicant must be in the KinGap Program.

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 1988, effective December 31, 2013)