**Section 2743.20 Applicant Eligibility**

a) A qualified applicant shall:

1) be a resident of Illinois;

2) have received:

A) a pardon issued on the grounds of innocence; or

B) a certificate of innocence from a circuit court;

3) be an exonerated person who:

A) has not yet received a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate and is completing a high school equivalency preparation course through an Illinois Community Board-approved provider and/or is seeking an Illinois high school equivalency certificate; or

B) is enrolled at an ISAC-approved public university or community college in an eligible degree or certificate program (see 34 CFR 668.8) for either a semester or quarter term, throughout the institution's tuition refund/withdrawal adjustment period;

4) maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution; and

5) not have to demonstrate financial need to receive this grant.

(Source: Amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 8468, effective July 1, 2021)