**Section 2746.20 Applicant Eligibility**

a) A qualified applicant shall be:

1) the natural child, legally adopted child, or stepchild of an energy worker who has lost employment due to the reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine;

2) a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen;

3) enrolled or accepted for enrollment, on a full- or part-time basis (at least 3 credit hours) at an Illinois public university or community college; and

4) will be without transition scholarship assistance and deterred by financial considerations from completing an educational program at the Illinois public university or community college of choice, as represented by there being unmet need in the applicant's financial aid package.

b) An applicant must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate.

c) An applicant need not be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment; however, the award is limited to the cost of in-district and in-state tuition and fees.