**Section 2748.20 Applicant Eligibility**

A qualified applicant shall be:

a) United States Citizen or eligible noncitizen;

b) a resident of Illinois;

c) a borrower with an outstanding balance due on an eligible educational loan related to obtaining a degree in social work;

d) an individual who is not in default on a federally guaranteed educational loan and does not owe a refund on a grant or scholarship program administered by ISAC;

e) an individual who, on the date of application submission, is currently employed and was employed as a social worker for least 12 consecutive months by:

1) an Illinois public elementary school;

2) an Illinois public secondary school; or

3) an Illinois municipality where the social worker did not report directly to a police department.