**Section 2761.20 Applicant Eligibility**

a) A qualified applicant shall:

1) be due to graduate from an Illinois high school by the end of the academic year;

2) have earned a cumulative grade point average at or above the 95th percentile of his or her high school class by the end of the third semester prior to graduation from high school (normally the sixth semester), or have achieved a score on the ACT Assessment examination or SAT I: Reasoning Test, taken during the third or fourth semester prior to graduation, which is at or above the 95th percentile of students in the State who have taken the test during that same time period.

A) A student may take either or both examinations during the designated period.

B) All scores from such tests taken during the designated period must be submitted to ISAC.

C) If a student submits scores from multiple examinations taken during the designated period, ISAC will use the highest score.

D) When a student submits scores to ISAC, the student must report his or her academic level at the time the test was taken.

E) ISAC will accept supplementary score reports of tests taken during the designated period upon the student's authorization to the test service. Such authorization by the student must be received by ISAC before August 1.

F) Students who, for any reason, are unable to take a test on a regular testing date should make special arrangements to be tested in accordance with the procedures of the testing service. Any such special arrangements must take into account the test score submission deadlines;

3) be in good academic standing;

4) be a resident of Illinois;

5) be a United States citizen or permanent resident of the United States; and

6) enroll, on at least a half-time basis, at an institution of higher learning or service academy as an undergraduate student or cadet.

b) A qualified applicant shall not have already received a baccalaureate degree.

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