**Section 2772.120 Application Process**

Applications must be completed on forms provided by the State Board of Education and submitted to the State Board by the date specified on such forms. Completed applications must include:

a) name and address of applicant

b) two written character references from individuals who are not related to the applicant. Such references shall be conclusive evidence of applicant's character.

c) official transcripts(s)

d) a statement by the applicant concerning interest in working in programs for the education of gifted and talented children, and elaborating upon the contribution the applicant expects to make to gifted education in Illinois. Such statement shall be conclusive evidence of applicant's interest. Individuals previously awarded a fellowship under this program shall indicate that fact in lieu of this statement.

e) the specific term (i.e., semester(s)) the grant is to be utilized

f) verification by the institution the applicant plans to attend that the applicant is eligible to enroll as a full-time graduate student in a program designed to improve competency in the education of gifted and talented children. Such programs may include training in academic disciplines, teaching skills, and philosophy and principles of education.

(Source: Amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 3054, effective February 2, 1987)