**Section 2749.100 Eligibility**

a) To qualify for consideration, an applicant shall meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 5 or 6.5 of the Law showing that the applicant:

1) For Nursing Scholarships

A) *Has been a resident of this State for at least one year prior to application, and is a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States* (Section 5(1) of the Law); and

B) *Is enrolled in or accepted for admission to* an Illinois school in *an associate degree in nursing program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing program or* certificate in *practical nursing program at an approved institution* (Section 5(2) of the Law); *and*

C) *Agrees to meet the nursing employment obligation* (Section 5(3) of the Law);

2) For Nurse Educator Scholarships

A) *Has been a resident of this State for at least one year prior to application and is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States* (Section 6.5(a)(1) of the Law); and

B) *Is enrolled in or accepted for admission to a graduate degree in nursing program at an approved institution* (Section 6.5(a)(2) of the Law); *and*

C) *Agrees to meet the nurse educator employment obligation* (Section 6.5(a)(3) of the Law).

b) An individual is ineligible to receive the scholarship if the individual:

1) Defaulted on an educational loan;

2) Previously received a scholarship under this Part and was granted a waiver of the continuous attendance requirement (see Section 2749.235 or 597.240) or a discharge of the nursing employment obligation or nurse educator employment obligation (see Section 2749.335 or 597.335); or

3) Receives monies from other scholarship or loan funds requiring service commitments that would prevent the applicant from meeting the nursing employment obligation or nurse educator employment requirements of this Part.

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