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(a) Subject to subsection [(c)] (D) of this section, each recipient of ~~an~~ A DELEGATE HOWARD P. RAWLINGS Educational Excellence Award shall:

(1) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate program at an eligible institution or be enrolled in a 2-year associate degree program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution;

(2) Be a resident of this State;

(3) Demonstrate to the Office a definite financial need; and

(4) Accept any other conditions attached to the award.

(b) Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

(1) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and have completed high school or, failing to do so, on the recommendation of the recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the Office of extenuating circumstances;

(2) Begin college within 1 year of completing high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the Office of extenuating circumstances;

(3) Be under the age of 22 years at the time of receiving the first award;

(4) Have successfully completed a college preparatory program in high school;

(5) Enroll in college as a full-time student;

(6) [Have] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, HAVE an annual family income below a poverty index determined by the Commission; and

(7) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

(C) TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME ELIGIBILITY OF AN APPLICANT FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT, THE OFFICE MAY NOT CONSIDER AN AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE APPLICANT AS AN EARNED INCOME CREDIT UNDER § 32 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.