Child Welfare Title IV-E Stipend
Information sheet

This project is a part of the Minnesota BSW Child Welfare Consortium

Deadline dates: Fourth Tuesday in October and March

Introduction
We are recruiting full time B.S.W. Social Work students to become child welfare scholars. These scholars will take specific courses during their time at Winona State University and will complete their practicum at a county level child welfare program. A stipend of $2250 per semester will be offered to the scholars. Child welfare scholars will take the Social Work Child Welfare class (SOCW 420) and also be required to attend occasional training and meeting sessions. Accepted scholars will retain their status and stipend each semester until graduation, pending funding and acceptable academic and professional progress. After graduation, our child welfare graduates are required to apply the skills and knowledge acquired from their experience through employment in a child welfare setting.

Terms Pertinent to the Child Welfare Field
The Minnesota BSW Child Welfare Consortium at the University of Minnesota includes the social work departments at Minnesota State University, Mankato; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

The consortium is dedicated to improving the quality of public child welfare services for families and children. Public child welfare services are those provided by state or county governmental agencies. These social services promote the welfare of all children through child protection, foster care, adoption, family services, and tribal social services.

Child Welfare Stipend Requirements
If awarded a Child Welfare Stipend, Baccalaureate in Social Work (BSW) students are required to:
• have a senior field practicum in a county, state or tribal child welfare unit;
• complete the social work Child Welfare course (SOCW 420);
• attend child welfare IV-E student meetings and training seminars as needed;
• be a full time (12 credits or more) social work student;
• maintain good academic standing (as defined by social work departmental policy); and
• upon exit from the social work department seek and accept employment in public child welfare (if such a position is available and offered within three months of graduation) and maintain such employment for four and a half months for each semester of stipend received.

Printed final applications can be submitted to the Social Work office in either Rochester or Winona with a DARS/transcript and resume attached. An interview will be a part of the application process.

Questions? Contact Ruth Charles (Maxwell 269, rcharles@winona.edu)
CHILD WELFARE IV-E STIPEND
APPLICATION

Winona State University

This application form must be TYPED or reproduced on a computer. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

--You must be a full time social work student at Winona State University and a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to receive an award.

**Please attach a copy of your RESUME and DARS/transcript to this application.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ________________________________________________________________

Permanent Address ______________________________________________________

City, state, zip__________________________________________________________ State of residence _________

School Address _________________________________________________________

City, state, zip__________________________________________________________

Preferred phone (____)_____________________ Preferred address: _____ home  ____ school

E-mail address ____________________________________________________________

U.S. Citizen/permanent resident _____ Yes _____ No

STUDENT INFORMATION

WSU Tech ID- __________________________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date __________________________

Major(s) ______________________________________________________________

Minor(s) ______________________________________________________________

What courses do you plan to take next semester (list number of credits)? ____________________________

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CHILD WELFARE EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

List **all** experience you have had working with children:

Work experience- (Include name of agency & location (city, state)/beginning and ending dates)

Volunteer/informal experience:

Fluency in languages other than English? If yes, please specify

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**Statement of Understanding**

I, ______________________ (insert name), certify that I am a US citizen or permanent resident and I am an admitted student in good standing with the Department of Social Work at Winona State University. I have read and understand the documents related to the IV-E Child Welfare Stipend.

If I am awarded a Child Welfare Student Stipend:

- I understand that the Financial Aid office will be informed of the award and that it may affect my financial aid;
- I must maintain my good standing in the social work program and be registered for at least 12 credit hours per semester that I receive the stipend,
- I will attend the required workshops and/or seminars and completed the required social work child welfare course(s) and placements.
- Further, I understand that I will continue with my stipend status for more than one semester if I keep satisfactory status and that if I do not or fail to graduate, I will be required to pay back the stipend.

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Sign/Date
ESSAYS

Please respond to each question with a minimum two-page essay that is typed, double-spaced, and uses standard (10 or 12) font sizes and margins (.75 to 1 inch).

Please attach your 2 essays to your application.

1. Please discuss your interest in, and commitment to, working in public child welfare services. Describe your professional and career goals and how you see studies in child welfare assisting you in achieving these goals.

2. Please describe your commitment to culturally sensitive and culturally competent social work, particularly with persons most often served by public child welfare services. Illustrate this commitment with examples of your own experiences with people who are not of your own racial, ethnic, or cultural identification.