TO BE ELIGIBLE, STUDENTS MUST BE:

• Enrolled at Winona State University and have been accepted to the WSU Social Work program.

• In good academic standing and enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credits).

• Willing to expand their educational preparation to develop their potential as child welfare professionals.

• Interested in a career in public child welfare, such as child protection, foster care, adoption, family services, and tribal social services.

• Willing to seek employment in a public child welfare agency, for 4.5 months for each semester of stipend support.

• US citizens.

MINNESOTA BSW CHILD WELFARE CONSORTIUM MEMBER SCHOOLS

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Department of Social Work
Mankato, MN

Winona State University
Department of Social Work
Winona, MN

St. Cloud State University
Department of Social Work
St. Cloud, MN

Minnesota State University, Moorhead
Department of Social Work
Moorhead, MN

Metropolitan State University
Department of Social Work
St. Paul, MN

University of Minnesota,
School of Social Work and
Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare
St Paul, MN

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http://www.winona.edu/socialwork/childwelfarestipend.asp
CONSORTIUM STIPEND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Children and families are the heart of a healthy society and are often one of the most underserved populations. Working with children and families can be very demanding; thus, the child welfare profession experiences a high degree of turnover in staff, nationally and locally. It can also be very rewarding!

A primary goal of this stipend program is to strengthen the preparation and education of BSW social workers who plan to work in Title IV-E eligible public child welfare agencies in Minnesota.

WSU CHILD WELFARE ALUMNI

“The Child Welfare program coupled with my practicum at the County was what solidified my career path.” –County Child Protection Supervisor

“Learn as much as you can to prepare yourself for this kind of work. It is hard and demanding but the families I have worked with have changed me forever. I am glad I did the Child Welfare program because I don’t know if I would have stayed on this course without the extra training that I had.” –Child Welfare Worker

“I would recommend for anyone exploring the social work field and has an interest in working with child welfare to consider applying for the IV-E program. The faculty involvement in the program was great, they were always available when needed.” –Public Youth Behavioral Health Worker

BENEFITS FOR UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

• Guidance for students’ efforts to focus their academic and pre-professional preparation for public child welfare careers.

• Students participate in curriculum and training opportunities that prepare them to meet the challenges of child welfare careers.

• Students complete practicum placements in public child welfare agencies.

• After graduation, students are employed in public child welfare agencies in Minnesota.

• Students receive $2250 stipend for each semester they participate in this program.

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