

BSW Title IV-E Child Welfare Program

Stipend Information Sheet

This project is part of the Minnesota Title IV-E Child Welfare Consortium

Introduction

We are recruiting BSW 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 or tribal level child welfare program. A stipend of \$3000 per semester will be offered to the scholars. Child welfare scholars will take the Social Work Welfare class (SOCW 420) and 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 skills and knowledge acquired from their experience through employment in a public child welfare setting.

Terms pertinent to the Child Welfare Field

The Minnesota Title IV-E Child Welfare Consortium includes the social work department at Bemidji State University, University of MN-Twin Cities, Minnesota State University, Mankato; Metropolitan State University, Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest MN State, 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 welfare services are those provided by state or county government 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:

- Complete a senior field practicum in a county, state or tribal child welfare unit
- Complete the social work Child Welfare course (SOCW 420) with a B or better
- 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 the social work department policy)
- 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 4 ½ months for each semester of stipend received.

Questions? Contact Katie Gavin (Maxwell 277, katie.gavin@winona.edu)

Winona State University

BSW Title IV-E Child Welfare Scholar Application Questions

Please review questions and then answer them in the Qualtrics Survey using the link of the BSW IV-E webpage. Thank you!

Student Information

Q1 Name (first name, last name) _____

Q2 Permanent Address (full mailing address including city, state and zip code)

Q3 School address (if different, including city, state and zip code)

Q4 Preferred phone number _____

Q5 Winona State email _____

Q6 Non-WSU email _____

Q7 (optional) Do you identify as a Person of Color? If so, please specify:

Q8 (optional) Do you have fluency in languages other than English? If yes, please specify:

Q9 Are you a US Citizen/Permanent Resident (by federal law, you must be a US citizen or permanent resident to apply) Checking this verifies your residency.

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- Yes
 - No
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Q10 WSU Tech ID _____

Q11 WSU Star ID _____

Q12 Expected Graduation Date (month/year) _____

Q13 Major(s) besides social work _____

Q14 Minor(s) if any _____

Program Related Information

Q15 Which campus will you be attending (Winona or hybrid)? _____

Q16 What courses do you plan to take next semester (list number of credits)

Q17 List all experiences you have had working with children and families (with dates if possible)

Q18 List all experiences you have had volunteering with children and families (with dates if possible)

Q19 I certify that I am a US Citizen or permanent resident and I am an admitted student at the time of receiving award, in good standing with the Department of Social Work at Winona State University. I have read and understand the documents related to the Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend. If I am awarded a Child Welfare 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 complete the required social work child welfare courses and placements.

Further, I understand that I will continue with my stipend status if I keep satisfactory status until graduation, and that if I do not or fail to graduation, I will be required to pay back the stipend.

Signature required below (a hard copy signature will be required if accepted into the program)

Signature _____ Date _____

Q20 ESSAY 1 on Personal Experience and Career Goals

Paste your answer in the space below. Make sure your formatting is included (i.e. that it is in paragraphs, etc. Difficult to read if it is all in one block)

- 1) Please discuss your interest in, and commitment to, working in public child welfare services. Public services are services offered by county, state or federal government.
 - 2) Describe your professional and career goals and how you see studies in child welfare assisting you in achieving these goals.
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Q21 ESSAY 2 on Experiences with culturally sensitive social work/ volunteering

Paste your answer in the space below. Make sure your formatting is included (i.e. that it is in paragraphs, etc. Difficult to read if it is all in one block)

- 1) Please describe your commitment to culturally sensitive social work/ volunteering with persons most often served by public welfare services.
 - 2) Illustrate this commitment with examples of your own experiences with people who are not of your own racial, ethnic, sexual or cultural identification.
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