

Minnesota State University Moorhead IV-E BSW Child Welfare Stipend Application

**Minnesota BSW Child Welfare Consortium
University of Minnesota School of Social Work and
The social work departments at Bemidji State University;
Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead;
St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.
205 Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108**

**Please review the following terms and obligations
before applying for a Child Welfare (Title IV-E) Stipend.**

Terms Pertinent to the Child Welfare Field

The Minnesota BSW Child Welfare Consortium at the University of Minnesota along with the social work department at Bemidji State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University 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 or state child welfare unit;
- complete a child welfare course at one of the consortium schools;
- attend child welfare IV-E student meetings and training seminars if applicable;
- maintain good academic standing (as defined by social work department 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.)

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This application can be handwritten. The essay portion **MUST** be typed. Handwritten essays will not be accepted and will disqualify you from consideration. You must be a United States citizen or permanent resident to receive an award.

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME AND TRANSCRIPT TO THIS APPLICATION.

The Child Welfare Director may request an in-person interview with an applicant.

For which semester are you applying to receive funding?

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

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Address _____

City, state, zip _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Expected Graduation Date _____

Degree _____ 1ST Major _____

2ND Major _____ Minor _____

What courses do you plan to take next semester? _____

CHILD WELFARE EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Please indicate years/months of child welfare experience (at applicable agency) prior to starting the BSW program. Include name of agency & location (city, state)/years & months.

• County Social Services _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• Private Non-profit _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• Private for Profit _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• School Social Work (public) _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• Tribal Social Services _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• State Agency _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• Hospital Social Work _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• Other _____
name & location (city, state)/years & months

• Paid or unpaid child welfare experience (foster parents) _____
_____ name & location (city, state)/years & months

Is there any other information you think we should know about you that would help in our decision?

ESSAYS

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

Please attach each essay to your application.

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

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (Optional)

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Other

Predominant Ethnic Background:

___ African-American ___ Asian or Pacific Islander ___ Chicana/o or Latina/o

___ Native American/American Indian ___ White/Caucasian-American

___ Hispanic ___ Other _____
(please specify)

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