

## **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.

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

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

For which semester are you applying to receive funding? \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_ State of residence \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred address: \_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_ school

Official MN State University E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen/permanent resident \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>ST</sup> Major \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> 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?

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## 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)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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