

Title IV-E
Child Welfare Stipend

How to Apply

Submit the following to apply for the Title IV-E Program:

- The School of Social Work application for field practicum
- A personal resume reflecting education, volunteer experience and work experience
- A two- to three-page double-spaced essay describing your interest in and commitment to public child welfare work
- An official transcript

These materials must be submitted by the posted deadline each semester to the School of Social Work’s coordinator of field. DFPS staff interview all applicants and forward their recommendations to the director of field. The Title IV-E director must approve in advance all exceptions to the required curriculum.

Choose a Career Helping Children and Families

Contact us to receive further information regarding academic funds in child welfare.

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What is the Title IV-E Program?

The School of Social Work at Texas State University, in conjunction with the Center for Children and Families, offers individualized, specialized training in child welfare through a contract with Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. This contract enables qualified BSW or MSW students to build and enhance professional skills in foster care management, adoption assistance and case management. Students also receive comprehensive field placement in the Central Texas area.

In exchange for a funded internship, the IV-E scholar is required upon graduation to fulfill an employment contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Child Protective Services program. NOTE: A IV-E scholar who fails to complete this obligation is required by law to repay the State of Texas.

Current CPS employees who wish to pursue social work education must contact their supervisors for agency guidelines. Tuition and fees are available for qualified agency and university-approved applicants.

Child welfare social workers, after intensive training, deal with children and their families, courts, law enforcement, medical institutions and schools, all in the context of public child welfare and family policy. These social workers perform a myriad of tasks in complex family situations, including:

- Assessing child well-being and safety
- Preparing and delivering court documents and testimony
- Providing case management services
- Referring clients to needed resources
- Developing and monitoring foster care and adoptive placements

• Training foster families and adoptive families
• Organizing communities to create healthier environments for children
• Planning and advocating for effective child welfare policies and programs

Is Child Welfare for You?

The social worker who makes child welfare a career must be:

- Willing to study and learn a challenging body of knowledge about children, families, social systems and public policy
- Sensitive to different cultures and ideas
- Committed to ethical practice
- Passionate about doing challenging work that will make a positive difference in the lives of children and families

To be eligible for the Title IV-E sequence, students must successfully complete:

- SOWK 4315: Child Welfare (BSW students)
- SOWK 5315: Social Work Intervention in Child Abuse and Neglect or 5360: Directed Study in Social Work (MSW students)
- CPS internship (both BSW and MSW students)

We prefer that IV-E scholars be bilingual in English and Spanish; we urge BSW students to study in the Texas State Spanish Language Institute. All students must demonstrate appreciation of cultural diversity.

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