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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program



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2 Year Program

The Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Project, as part of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program, provides a graduate education, a competency based curriculum, and financial aid. The Child Welfare Training Project was created to increase the number of practitioners in public child welfare who hold a master's degree in Social Work. Students in the 2-year MSW program, who qualify will receive an award of \$37,000 over two years.

Eligibility

Students must be admitted to the MSW program prior to submitting an application to the Child Welfare Training Program. In addition, students must demonstrate a commitment to a career in public child welfare through a separate application process.

Award

\$18,500 per year for a maximum of \$37,000 for (2) two years.

2 years specified by the MSW Program. A student who is making satisfactory progress after the first year will receive a second year of support as long as funds are available.

Payback

The student must seek and accept appropriate employment within a 75-mile radius from their home in a county child welfare agency, and render two (2) years of continuous and satisfactory full-time employment, in a position at least at a level appropriate to a new MSW in child welfare services. If unable to secure employment in the 75-mile radius within six months, the student must seek and accept employment, in a county child welfare agency, anywhere in the entire the state of California. Graduated students are required to provide the MSW program detailed documentation of their search for employment.

This award is considered a “forgivable loan” in that it becomes payable with interest upon graduation or withdrawal from the MSW program. Students agree to fully repay the university for the awarded funds, plus interest and any collection costs if the student:

1. Fails to satisfactorily complete academic and/fieldwork requirements or withdraws from the MSW program.
2. Violates the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers.
3. Is convicted of a crime that would disqualify the student from public county employment.
4. If the student voluntarily ends their employment prior to the completion of the required payback period of 2 years or does not accept employment in another county child welfare service agency.
5. Does not graduate in the time specified by the MSW Program.

3 Year Program

Students in the 3-year MSW program and who qualify as a **current employee of a county, social services or state human services agency**, will receive support in the form of reimbursement for all required educational program costs and qualifying transportation expenses.

Students admitted to the program agree to complete their educational requirements within the 3 years specified by the MSW program.

Eligibility

Students must be admitted to the MSW program prior to submitting an application to the Child Welfare Training Project. In addition, only students who are current employees of a county child welfare service, department of social services, or California Department of Social Services, may receive an award for the 3-year program.

Reimbursement Program

Applicants in the 3-year program receive **support for tuition, fees and books, covered directly by the IV-E program for up to \$10,164** school per year. Receive reimbursement for the actual cost of travel/mileage for **up to \$2,789** per school year.

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3 Year Program Agency Support

Applicants **must** provide a letter of support from the agency director currently employing them indicating that the director:

1. Will retain her/him in their position and will seek, to the extent possible, to maintain benefits and seniority.
2. Regards the employee as being capable of completing the academic program.
3. Will make every effort to accommodate work expectations to the employee's class and fieldwork requirements. This would include limiting normal required workdays to three days a week and a reduction of casework expectation to 3/5 of normal work while the employee is completing a field internship placement for 2 days in another unit of the agency.
4. Agrees to offer to the graduate a position at the MSW level in child welfare, if such a position exists and the graduate is otherwise appropriate.

Forgivable Loan & Student Responsibilities

This award is considered a "forgivable loan" in that it becomes payable with interest upon graduation or withdrawal from the MSW program unless the student adheres to the contractual employment search, application and employment requirements.

Students admitted to the program agree to complete their educational requirements within the 2 or 3 years specified by the MSW Program. A student who is making satisfactory progress after the first year will receive a second year of support as long as funds are available.

CSU, Stanislaus is committed to each of the six surrounding counties: Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne. Field placements may be with child welfare service agencies in any of these counties and may require students to drive significant distances.