2 Year Stipend 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 masters degree in Social Work. Students in the 2 year MSW program, who qualify will receive an award of $37,000 spread over two years.

Eligibility

Students must be accepted to the California State University, Stanislaus MSW program prior to submitting an application to the Child Welfare Training Project. In addition, students must demonstrate a commitment to a career in public child welfare through a separate application process.

The Award

$18,500 per year for a maximum of $37,000 for two years.

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 and acquisition requirements.

Payback

If not currently on leave from a child welfare agency, 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 employment, in a county child welfare agency, in the state of California.

Students agree to fully repay the university for the awarded funds, 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 involving harm to children, disqualifying the student from county employment.
4. Prior to the completion of the required employment period, the student voluntarily or involuntarily ends their employment and does not apply for or accept employment in another county child welfare service agency.
5. Does not graduate in the time specified by the MSW Program.