

Title IV-E Stipend Program

This document is only to be completed by applicants who are applying for the Title IV-E Stipend program.

The MSW Title IV-E Stipend program assists MSW students who are committed to working in the field of child protection and foster care services. Qualified and admitted MSW students who are concurrent employees of a county or the state Department of Social Services and who are supported by their administration, receive reimbursement for tuition and fees, required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class or fieldwork with some limitations, for the entire duration of their MSW program, for up to three years. Stipend recipients agree to render two years of continuous and satisfactory full-time employment in a California county or state public child welfare agency for the educational reimbursement. Native American students with tribal rights may complete their payback in a reservation or Rancheria child welfare agency, an urban Indian agency serving IV-E eligible children and families or a reservation providing Child Welfare Services in another state. Awarded students who fail to meet the requirements of the program must repay the full amount to the fiscal agent, SDSU Research Foundation, plus interest and collection fees, if any.

Student Selection Criteria:

The SDSU Title IV-E program seeks to increase the number and diversity of well-trained and highly committed MSW's in California county child welfare services. Recruitment is focused on (in order of priority):

1. Current staff members of county public social service agencies and employees of the California Department of Social Services, who are qualified for admission to an MSW program;
2. Applicants who reflect the diverse client populations currently served by public child welfare in California;
3. Other qualified individuals with demonstrated commitment to careers providing high quality, culturally competent practice in public welfare services.

If you are interested in applying for the Title IV-E stipend, please tell us in 200 words or less why you are interested in the Title IV-E program. Please address your interest in Public Child Welfare, and if applicable working with Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC).

Once your MSW Application is reviewed, you will be contacted by the Title IV-E Project Coordinator, Ms. Amalia B. Hernandez.