

**Application for Child Welfare Stipend
Department of Social Work
Colorado State University-Pueblo**

COVER PAGE – BASIC INFORMATION

This application must be completed in addition to the application for admission to the field experience in the social work major. The following criteria **must** be met:

- Applicants must be admitted to the social work major;
- Applicants must be ready for the first series of fall semester 300-level courses;
- Applicants must sign an informed consent acknowledging understanding of the expectations of and parameters surrounding the child welfare stipend;
- The application will include a practice scenario response;
- Applications are due by May 31, to be followed by a formal interview no later than July 31;
- Applicants must demonstrate an interest in child welfare, such as shadowing experiences, volunteering for children’s organizations, research into foster care/adoptions, etc., so that the practice field is the goal, not the stipend;
- Priority will be given to those who are bilingual in a desired language, which may vary by region;
- Applicants will be interviewed by a committee made up of faculty and current caseworkers or child welfare agency staff;
- Applicants will be rated by faculty members using a rubric developed from the child welfare competencies and including general characteristics such as timeliness, quality of work, maturity, etc.; students will be given this feedback;
- Only students who are ready for concurrent field can take advantage of the stipend opportunity;
- Applicants **must be able to pass security clearance screens for work with children, including but not limited to background checks from the CBI, FBI for students in CO for less than 2 years, driving records, and any other background checks required by the county DHS where the student applies to work;**
- The amount of the stipend per student will vary according to the full award amount received by CSU-Pueblo and by rural/urban distinction;
- In addition to the generalist curriculum of the BSW, applicants will be expected to take electives in child welfare, rural social work, case management, trauma, and should choose other electives from the following selections:
 - Abnormal psychology
 - Child and adolescent development
 - Marriage and families and/or family violence
 - Public policy
 - Social psychology
 - Nationalism and ethnic conflict and/or immigration
 - States’, citizens’, and human rights
 - Minority and ethnic relations and/or race relations
 - Other electives approved by department chair or field education director and
- **Applicants must agree to work for at least 1 year in a child welfare agency or repay all stipend monies received.**

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Applicant's Name:	Year of study: Generalist Specialized
I have the following experiences or coursework demonstrating that I have an interest in child welfare as a field of practice:	
Have you ever had a founded abuse or neglect of children case in any state? Yes No *If yes, please explain. If you are unsure, please see the Title IV-E Coordinator:	
In addition to English, I speak/write/read the following languages:	
I agree to the following stipulations of the child welfare stipend process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment by department of social work faculty members using a rubric developed from the State of CO child welfare competencies and general character criteria; • Face-to-face interview by a committee made up of department of social work faculty members, State of CO child welfare stipend personnel, and current child welfare practitioners and/or agency directors; • Work in a child welfare setting in state agencies for at least one year if I receive a child welfare stipend <u>OR I must repay all stipend monies received;</u> • Keep department of social work informed of my current contact information, before and after graduation with my BSW degree; • Security clearances as required by the agency and/or State of Colorado; 	
I have attached my essay required in this application: Yes No	
Signature:	Date:

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. How do you know that child welfare is still the right fit for your career?

2. Now that you have experience in child welfare (either currently or past), think about a time where you experienced stress in your placement. Answer the following questions related to this time/times:
 - a. What did you notice (internally, physically, etc.) about how you reacted?
 - b. What did you do to handle and manage those reactions?
 - c. What would you have done differently?
 - a. What will you do to ensure you are prepared to manage these reactions in the future?