



The Indiana Department of Child Services

Along with Indiana Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership

The Indiana Child Welfare BSW Scholars Program

The ICWBSW Program is designed to provide special course work and enhanced practicum experiences that lead to employment as a public child welfare worker in the state of Indiana. Students who participate in the program will receive financial support through the Department of Child Services and will graduate with a commitment for employment with the Department. To be eligible students must be enrolled in the BSW Program

Program Design

Tuition

Each student selected to participate in the program will receive full in-state tuition and mandatory fees during the duration of participation while maintaining full-time status (12 credit hour minimum), and a 2.5 overall GPA with a 3.0 GPA in the social work program.

Stipend

Each student will be awarded \$2,000.00 per fall and spring semesters to assist with the cost of training expenses during the course of the program, as required by the Indiana Child Services Education Program.

Employment

Program participants will have a commitment to work for the agency for a pre-determined number of months post-graduation.

Admissions Process

Applicants will need to submit an application to the program. Following are the minimum requirements for admission to the program:

- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 and grade point average of 3.0 in social work.
- Minimum of three semesters remaining before graduation.
- Interview with social work faculty and representatives of the Department of Child Services.

Applicants will be evaluated on:

- A written application describing the students interest in the Indiana Child Services Education Program
- Three professional or academic references
- Academic Performance
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Volunteer experience
- An Interview

Applications for the 2013 BSW Scholars Program will be accepted during the 2012 Fall Semester. Funding will begin no sooner than Fall of 2013. There is a mandatory Child Abuse and Neglect Class that must be taken before funding begins. There will be a second mandatory Child Welfare class offered in the fall, and senior practica must take place in a county DCS office.

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