



The Program

The School of Social Work at New Mexico State University, in conjunction with Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), collaborate to provide training related to Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

The primary goal of the scholar program is to increase the number of BSW and MSW social workers available to provide services to children at risk of child abuse and/or neglect and their families.

Child Welfare Scholars receive specialized course work and training in child welfare, including a one year placement in a supervised field practicum setting within a CYFD county office.

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Is Child Welfare for you?

A Social Worker in Child Welfare must be:

- Willing to study and learn a challenging body of knowledge about children, families and social systems.
- Culturally responsive to different cultures and ideas.
- Committed to Ethical Practice.
- Have an interest and commitment to do challenging work that will make a positive difference in the lives of children and their families.

The Child Welfare Scholar Program can prepare you for an exciting career in child welfare that will:

- Provide a strong foundation of social work skills that will increase your competence as a social worker.
- Allow you to network and collaborate with a wide variety of community organizations.
- Allow you to be a part of a mission in the gratifying areas of foster and adoptive care.



Program Requirements

A Child Welfare Scholar must:

- Be accepted and enrolled in the BSW or MSW program. This includes part-time students and students who are currently employees of CYFD.
- Be willing to accept employment with CYFD in counties where there is the greatest need for qualified social workers for a specified period of time after graduation based on the terms of your scholar award.
- Complete one year field placement at CYFD or related child welfare office.

Apply

- Complete a Child Welfare Scholar application form.
- Submit a resume, three professional references, and an academic transcript.
- Participate in a panel interview comprised of NMSU and CYFD staff.
- Complete and pass criminal background check.

Award Amounts

\$9,000 for BSW students

- Carries an 18 month work obligation per award issued

\$6,000 (Part-Time) MSW students

- Carries a 12 month work obligation per award issued

\$10,000 (Full-Time) MSW students

- Carries an 18 month work obligation per award issued

**Semester awards may also be available.*

**Students are eligible for a total of (2) two scholar awards during their academic program.*

