

About Us:

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

The primary goal of the Child Welfare Scholar Program (CWSP) 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.

CWSP 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.



Child Welfare Scholar Program At NMSU's School of Social Work

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Is Child Welfare for you?

- 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 CWSP 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 yourself 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.
- 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.
- A student must have reliable transportation and be willing to complete a one-year field placement at a CYFD county office.

How to Apply

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

Award Amounts

\$11,000 for (Full-Time) BSW students

- Carries an 18-month employment agreement per award issued.

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

- Carries a 12-month employment agreement per award issued.

\$12,000 (Full-Time) MSW students

- Carries an 18-month employment agreement per award issued.

Students are eligible for (2) two scholarships during their academic program.

International students are not eligible.

