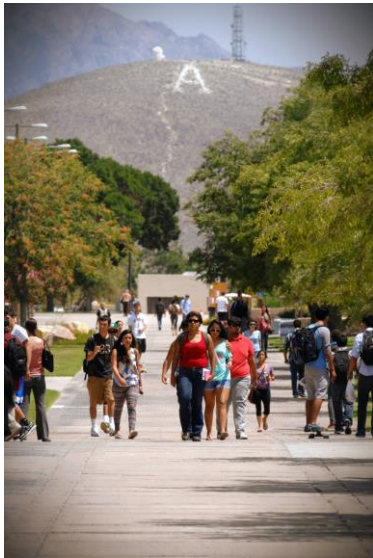


About Us:

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 will receive specialized coursework 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?

Are 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.

Program Benefits

- 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 enrolled in an NMSU 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 with the greatest need for qualified social workers for a specified 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.

Application Process

- 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 work obligation per award issued.

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

- Carries a 12-month work obligation per award issued.

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

- Carries an 18-month work obligation per award issued.

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

