

CalWISE Title IV-E Stipend Program Application

California State University, Bakersfield

The CalWISE Title IV-E Program offers financial assistance to MSW students through two options:

- **Full-Time Option**
 - Only available to students who are **not** employed by a public child welfare agency during the MSW program.
 - Provides a stipend of \$25,000 per year (\$12,500 per semester)
- **Part-Time Option**
 - Only available to students who **are employed** throughout the MSW program by a public child welfare agency in California, typically a County Child Welfare Department.
 - Provides reimbursement for tuition, books, and travel expenses up to a specified limit.

Program Obligation: All participants are required to work in public child welfare, usually in a County Child Welfare Department, for two years. Advanced Standing students have a one-year obligation. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States throughout participation in the program and for the years of required employment service following the completion of the program.

Application Instructions: Please complete this application if you are interested in applying for financial assistance through the CalWISE Title IV-E Program. **All applicants applying to the CalWISE Title IV-E Stipend Program** must upload copies of the documents listed below through Cal State Apply. Applicants should combine all copies into one document (with multiple pages) and upload that one document to the Program Application Form document type in Cal State Apply. Each document required should be on its own page. Do not combine items (like copies of driver's license and vehicle registration) onto the same page. Here are the documents and order in which they should be combined prior to upload.

Page 1 – Completed CalWISE Title IV-E Stipend Program Application (this form)

Page 2 – One-page statement expressing interest in working in public child welfare (include relevant academic, volunteer, or work experience)

Page 3 – Copy of valid driver's license

Page 4 – Copy of valid vehicle registration (for the vehicle you will use during your practicum)

Page 5 – Copy of valid vehicle insurance (for the vehicle you will use during your practicum)

ONLY required for applicants to the part-time program:

Page 6 – Employer letter of support which meets the CalWISE requirements (signed by agency head)

*****Please ensure all documents are submitted by the application deadline. Incomplete applications are not guaranteed consideration.*****

Contact the Department of Social Work with any questions at mswadmissions@csub.edu.

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Application for Financial Assistance

Please complete this supplement to apply for financial assistance from the CalWISE Title IV-E program.

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address (notifications will be sent after spring graduation):

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School GPA: _____

CalWISE Program

Assistance you are applying for (must match the program selected on the MSW application):

Ethnicity

How would you describe your ethnicity? _____

If other, please specify: _____

Work Experience

Do you have experience working in public child welfare? _____

If yes, please provide dates of employment, agency name, and job title below:

Full-Time Applicants Only: Internship Placement Preferences

*Full-time students are required to complete their concentration year internship at a PUBLIC child welfare agency. Please indicate your county placement preferences (1 = most preferred, 2 = less preferred, etc.). **Note:** This does not guarantee placement in a specific county. If no other county placements are available, students should be prepared to complete their internship in Kern County.*

Kern County: ____

Tulare County: ____

Kings County: ____

Los Angeles County: ____

Other County (please specify): _____

Part-Time Applicants Only

Part-time students are required to work for the agency with which they are currently employed. Which county do you work for? _____

Driver's License and Legal History

Do you have a valid California Driver's License? _____

If no, please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving harm to children? _____

If yes, please specify: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? _____

If yes, please specify: _____

Have you received Title IV-E funding before? _____

If yes, specify degree type and whether full-time or part-time program: _____

Obligations of CalWISE Recipients

By applying for financial assistance, you agree to the following obligations:

- Enroll in prescribed courses, including child welfare electives.
- Maintain continuous enrollment in the MSW program and complete it within the agreed timeframe.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all coursework.
- Participate in CalWISE activities and complete required field placements.
- Maintain a valid California driver's license and access to a legally operable vehicle while enrolled in an internship.
- Hold valid vehicle registration and insurance while in the MSW program.
- Be authorized to work in the United States throughout participation in the program and for the years of required employment service following the completion of the program.
- Honor the post-graduation work commitment as per the program contract.
- Maintain professional liability insurance while in the MSW program.
- Disclose any prior or subsequent convictions that would disqualify you from employment at a public child welfare agency in California.

Certification and Signature

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is accurate. I understand that the CalWISE program is designed to recruit social workers to serve in Public Child Welfare Services in California. I commit to fulfilling my obligation to secure employment in Public Child Welfare Services upon graduation. I acknowledge that CalWISE assistance is taxable income and understand my responsibilities as a recipient of this program.

Signature:

Date: