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## The Department of Child Services (DCS) Indiana Partnership for Social Work Education in Child Welfare



### IV-E BSW Child Welfare Scholars Program

The IV-E 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 (DCS) and will graduate with a commitment for employment with the DCS. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a 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 (including a B or better in Child Welfare I & II). This tuition is a support for other financial aid that the student receives and is tailored to individual aid packages.

##### Stipend

Each student will be awarded a \$2,000 stipend each fall and spring semester to assist with the cost of training expenses during the course of the program, as required by the Indiana Child Services Education Program. If you have other tuition support such as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars, students can choose the *stipend-only option*.

##### Employment

Program participants will have a commitment to work for DCS for 12-24 months post-graduation, depending on scholarship status. Scholars can do a "stipend only" option and repay 1 year.

#### Admissions Process

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

- Sophomore or Junior Status (on track to graduate in **Spring** or **Summer, 2024**)
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 and grade point average of 3.0 in social work
- Interview with social work faculty and representatives of the Department of Child Services

##### Applicants will be evaluated on:

- ✓ Written application describing the student's interest in child welfare
- ✓ Communication skills in the committee interview
- ✓ Three professional or academic references
- ✓ Academic Performance including attendance, grades, professionalism
- ✓ Volunteer experience

Applications for the 2022-23 BSW IV-E Scholars Program are due on **Monday November 14, 2022 @5pm** in the Social Work Department Office Health Professions Building 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Interviews will happen in Nov. and decisions in Dec. Funding begins in Fall 2023.

Questions? Contact IV-E Coordinator, Greta Slater ([gslater@bsu.edu](mailto:gslater@bsu.edu)).

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