

How to Apply

Submit the following to apply for the Title IV-E Program:

- Complete the CSUSM Master of Social Work online application by the priority deadline
- Online application for the Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program
- A double-spaced essay, answering the five essay questions pertaining to your interest in and commitment to public child welfare work

Choose a Career Helping Children and Families

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While Cal SWEC Requires a two year post-graduation work commitment in public child welfare, many of our graduates remain in public child welfare well beyond their obligated time. We are proud of our graduates who serve in San Diego County Child Welfare Services.



California State University San Marcos is a proud member of the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Project.

For MSW Program admission information call the Department of Social Work, **760.750.7373** or visit our website at www.csusm.edu/socialwork/

Department of Social Work

Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program



Is Child Welfare for You?

The social worker who makes child welfare a career must be:

- Willing to study and learn a challenging body of knowledge about children, families, social systems and public policy
- Sensitive to different cultures and ideas
- Committed to ethical practice
- Passionate about doing challenging work that will make a positive difference in the lives of children and families



Q: What is the Title IV-E Program?

A: Title IV-E is a collaboration between the California Department of Social Services, CalSWEC, and 22 accredited California graduate schools of social work and social welfare. The goal of the project is to improve the education and training of social workers for publicly supported social services. California State University San Marcos achieves this goal by admitting new MSW students into the Social Work program each year. The program provides forgivable loans to the accepted students of \$18,500 per year for two years, a total of \$37,000.

Q: Who provides the program's funding?

A: Title IV-E of the Social Security Act authorized the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs to provide federal matching funds to states for directly administering the programs. The objective is to improve the quality of care of children in foster care, return children to their homes as soon as conditions permit, and facilitate the adoption or permanent placement of children who cannot be returned to their homes.



Q: Who is eligible for the program?

A: Full-time students who have been accepted into the California State University San Marcos Master of Social Work Program are eligible.

Q: What academic requirements must students fulfill to receive the forgivable loans?

A: Students must complete the entire MSW program, including two years of fieldwork. One year of field work must be in a county child welfare agency serving Title IV-E children and families. An additional year may be completed in a related county or non-profit program serving child welfare (Title IV-E) clients, i.e., children in or at risk of out-of-home placement.

Q: What is the student's work commitment after graduation?

A: Upon graduation, the student must work full-time in a county child welfare services agency or California Department of Social Services (CDSS) child welfare division for a period of time equal to the period for which he or she received support.