

Are you a Nebraska Resident? Yes No How long have you lived in Nebraska? _____

Are you eligible to work in the US? Yes No

Language Skills and Ethnicity

In addition to English, are you fluent in another language? Yes No

If yes, please indicate language(s): _____

Volunteer and/or Paid Experience

Have you ever been employed by a social service agency? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the agency and dates of employment:

Please list your volunteer or paid experience.

Agency or Setting

Description of Duties

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Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? Yes No

NOTE: this includes ALL convictions for any law violation (driving under the influence, shoplifting, minor in possession, reckless driving, no park permit, no fishing/hunting license, no operator's license on person, etc.), including convictions that have been set aside or pardoned. Minor traffic violations (parking or speeding tickets) do not need to be listed.

If yes, please give dates(s), location (s) and penalties. Convictions are evaluated for each position and **ARE NOT NECESSARILY DISQUALIFYING**. The recency, severity and pertinence of the conviction will be considered.

REFERENCE LETTER REQUIREMENTS

Three professional reference letters are required, a professor, advisor, or work supervisor may write the reference letter. No personal references are permitted.

The same references used for admission into the master of social work program can be used for this application.

AFFIRMATION

I hereby affirm that all information I have provided in this Title IV-E Education Stipend Application for Master of Social Work is true and correct.

Student/Employee Signature _____ Date _____

AFFIRMATION & RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Please initial each statement indicating that you understand and agree to the following requirements for Title IV-E support:

_____ I agree to provide as part of this application three (3) letters of recommendation from State personnel, professors, employment supervisors, or a combination of three to be submitted with my application on or before the final due date.

_____ I agree to maintain good standing during full-time or part-time enrollment in the MSW Program and to complete the MSW curriculum. "Good standing" is defined as maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or above.

_____ I affirm that I have been accepted into an accredited master of social work degree program at the University of Nebraska Omaha's Grace Abbott School of Social Work. This confirmation is included in my application materials.

_____ I understand that I am obligated to pay back this stipend through employment with DCFS in a Title IV-E eligible position upon graduation, and if I fail to do so I understand DCFS may seek repayment for the funds provided on my behalf.

_____ I understand the employment obligation is to be employed in a Title IV-E eligible position with DCFS after graduation. The work commitment will be based on a period of time at least equal to the period for which financial assistance is granted.

_____ I agree for the academic institution to share information related to my academic performance.

_____ I understand that I will be required to maintain employment eligibility during the length of time during which I receive the Title IV-E education stipend.

Signature _____

Print name _____

Date: _____

**TITLE IV-E EDUCATION STIPEND
for
Master of SOCIAL WORK
Section II**

Essay Questions for Personal Statement

Directions: On separate sheets of paper, please respond to the following set of questions. Make sure that you respond to each question and include your name on each page. Please use headers to organize your responses and present your work in a brief and concise manner. Your entire response must be no longer than 5 double-spaced typed pages.

1. Please discuss your interests in working with Child Welfare System.
2. Please share your work or volunteer experience working with children and families.
3. What personal attributes do you have that would make you suitable for Child Welfare practice?
4. What difference do you hope to make?