

The Alabama Title IV-E Stipend Program is made possible through a partnership between The Alabama Higher Education Consortium on Child Welfare and The State of Alabama Department of Human Resources. The program is administered by The University of Alabama School of Social Work.



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For more information, please contact your university or college social work program's field coordinator or visit socialwork.ua.edu/childwelfare

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Additional Information

When can I apply for the stipend?

Students must contact their respective university or college social work program for dates applications will be accepted.

When will I know if I have been awarded the stipend?

Once all the applications have been reviewed and applicants have been interviewed, students will receive a written notice as to whether they have been awarded a stipend. For specific award time frames and dates, contact your university or college social work program.

How much money will I receive?

The amount of your stipend award is contingent on funds available and is subject to change each year.

Can I choose the county DHR where I will complete my field placement?

Students do not choose their field placement; this is coordinated by the Field Office at each university or college. A student is placed in a county based on need. However, consideration is given to where a student resides.

Recipient's Responsibilities

7. Students are expected to accept employment, if offered, by any county within their selected regions.
8. Students must agree to work for DHR a minimum of 18 months.
9. If the student fails to complete this work obligation, they must repay the remaining stipend amount owed within one year as outlined in their stipend agreement.
10. Students must agree to work with a professional development coach a minimum of two hours per month during their field placement and their 18-month work obligation period. The professional development coach will be well experienced in the practice of public child welfare and familiar with DHR procedures and policies.



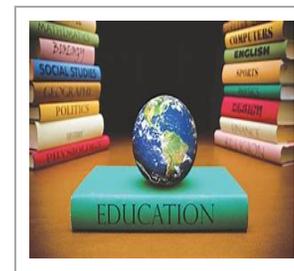
Overview of Program

What is a Stipend Program?



The Title IV-E Stipend Program is a monetary stipend provided through a partnership between the Alabama Department of Human Resource (DHR) and your university or college social work program. The partnership is funded with federal dollars from the Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program of the Social Security Act and administered by The University of Alabama School of Social Work. The stipends are specifically for students planning to pursue a career in child welfare with DHR.

The two-fold purpose of Title IV-E funding:



The Title IV-E Stipend Program has a two-fold purpose in its implementation: the education of prospective child welfare workers and continuing education opportunities for existing child welfare workers.

Eligibility Criteria

The following two groups of students are eligible to apply:

- BSW students, who are preparing to enter their field placement and who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the last 30 semester hours.
- Advanced Standing MSW students and MSW students in their second year, with an emphasis on social work with children, adolescents and their families who have a 3.0 GPA or higher for the last 30 semester hours.

Application Process

Students are expected to inform the field coordinator at their respective college or university of their interest in the Title IV-E Stipend Program. Once the student, in collaboration with their field coordinator, has secured a placement in a county DHR office or, if currently employed with DHR, in an appropriate child welfare placement, the student will complete the Title IV-E Stipend application and return it to the University of Alabama School of Social Work Title IV-E Program. The Title IV-E Stipend Committee will interview each student, if all requirements have been met.

Students are encouraged to contact their university or college social work program for additional information and due dates specific to the application process.

Recipient's Responsibilities

When a student is awarded a Title IV-E Stipend they are expected to, at the minimum, fulfill the following responsibilities:

1. Read, agree and sign the contract.
2. Provide billing information to the University of Alabama School of Social Work so an account can be created for payment.
3. Students employed with DHR must accept appropriate placement related to permanency in child welfare as determined by the University.
4. Students not presently employed with DHR must complete a minimum of 400 hours of field placement in a DHR office.
5. During the field placement, the student must complete an application for employment with the State of Alabama DHR.
6. Students are expected to go on all DHR employment interviews both during and after graduation within a specific time frame.