

**THE ETHELYN R. STRONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
CHILD WELFARE STIPEND APPLICATION
Bachelor of Social Work**

Student ID# _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Home Phone _____

Address:

Email Address:

Emergency Contact Name:

Phone number:

Have you been accepted to the School of Social Work BSW Professional Program? _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Have you taken any child welfare-specific courses before? Yes ___ No ___

If so, please list course name, date of enrollment, grade and university.

Ethnicity/race (optional) _____

Gender: male _____ female _____

Are you a current Department of Social Services (DSS) employee? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what is your current position? _____

With which office are you employed? _____

Have you ever had a field placement/internship at a DSS agency? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list the agency and describe the experience.

Have you ever been charged and/or convicted of child abuse, neglect or molestation, or had the charge taken under advisement or dropped due to an agreement with the prosecutor's office?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain (attach additional pages, if needed) _____

Writing Sample

Choose four (4) of the following questions. Attach your responses on separate sheets. Responses should be no longer than one (1) page each. Responses will be judged by content and writing skills. Please be thorough yet concise.

1. What is there about working with children and families that captures your interest?
2. What are your long-term career goals (5-10 years)?
3. Why do you think the State of Virginia should invest in your education in the field of Public Child Welfare?
4. What is your experience in child welfare, as a volunteer, student, consumer, employee, etc.?
5. What are your major personal strengths and areas where growth is needed?
6. What causes you the most stress or anxiety? How do you relieve or deal with stress?
7. With what types of people do you have difficulty working with, and why?
8. Do you have any geographical restrictions regarding where you can work? If so, explain.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- Students must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record to be hired by and do a placement with DSS.
- DSS will conduct a criminal background check prior to placement/employment.

- Interviews are required in order to clarify information provided on the application and/or to make decisions about awarding the stipend.
- Students must submit three references; at least two from professionals, preferably one from someone who has supervised the student in some capacity.
- Students who plan to continue on into the Master's program and choose to apply for a second stipend: we will evaluate your first internship by interviewing your field liaison and agency supervisor to ascertain your compatibility with the culture of DSS.
- **Acceptance of this stipend may affect any other financial aid that you receive. Be sure to discuss this with a financial aid advisor.**
- Once award decisions are made you will be notified in writing. If you choose to accept a stipend you are required to sign and have notarized a student contractual agreement.

Please submit your completed application materials via email by March 1 to Mrs Durham. If you need an extension please contact Mrs. Durham.

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