

**THE ETHELYN R. STRONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
CHILD WELFARE STIPEND APPLICATION
MSW PROGRAM**

Student ID# _____

Name: _____

Current Address: _____ Date of Application: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Have you been accepted to the School of Social Work at Norfolk State University? _____

Please indicate the program and field practicum placement for which you have applied.

PROGRAM	PLACEMENT
Standard _____	Foundation _____
2 year _____	
3 year _____	
Advanced _____	Concentration _____

Expected date of graduation from School of Social Work _____

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

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

Have you received a Child Welfare stipend previously? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please give the date _____ and university _____

Demographic Information:

Gender: Male ____ Female ____

Ethnicity/Race (optional): _____

Are you a current DSS employee? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, what is your current position? _____

With which office are you employed? _____

Have you previously worked at a Department of Social Services (DSS) agency or had a field placement/internship at a DSS agency? _____

Have you ever been charged and/or convicted of child abuse, neglect or molestation, or had the charges 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, 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. What makes you a good investment for the State of Virginia 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, and why?
8. Do you have any geographical restrictions regarding where you can work? If so, please 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 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 must maintain continuous enrollment and participation in the Child Welfare Program.
- Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue in the program.
- Your first internship will be evaluated 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 it 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 by March 1 to Mrs. Durham via email (if you need an extension please contact Mrs. Durham)

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