

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION & CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE

Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend/grant Requirements & Application Instructions 2002-2003

The School of Social Work and the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) have formed a partnership to recruit, educate and prepare students and DFCS employees for competent practice in public child welfare. This project is called the "Professional Social Work Education and Child Welfare Practice for the Georgia Division of Children and Family Services". It began in 1995 with federal funds from Title IV-E. The UGA School of Social Work was the lead school to develop the model that is now replicated at other state universities. Stipends/grants are offered to select individuals interested in a child welfare career. Stipend recipients receive a stipend 1) in the amount of nine thousand and no/100 (\$9,000) dollars for full-time students or a grant 2) for tuition, books and mileage for part-time students and DFCS employees.

The following are basic requirements for the stipend award:

- meet concentration practicum requirements in child welfare programs within a Georgia DFCS agency,
- make home visits and other contacts that are sometimes in disadvantaged areas,
- take electives from a list of courses with specific child welfare content,
- participate in evaluation regarding this program, as a student and later as a DFCS employee,
- complete the exit exam requirement on a child welfare topic,
- work for DFCS in a child welfare program for the period of time which you received financial support from the stipend/grant to a maximum of 2 years immediately following graduation,
- applicants selected for further consideration in the selection process will be interviewed,
- if the stipend/grantee recipient's education is discontinued prior to attainment of the Master of Social Work degree, or the stipend recipient fails to attain the Master of Social Work degree, or the stipend recipient does not remain in "good standing" as defined by UGA, or the stipend recipient fails to work for DFCS upon graduation, then the stipend recipient shall reimburse UGA the total amount of the stipend/grant received.

Application Instructions:

Complete the application and return. **Review of completed applications for grants begin April 15, 2002 continuing until all grants are awarded.** The narrative portion (second page) should be typed or may be received from Vicki NeSmith, Project Secretary, ph (706) 542-1090 or email <nesmith@arches.uga.edu> via email attachment and completed via your computer. Questions about this application may be directed to Ms. NeSmith. The completed application should be returned to:

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