The Department of Child Services (DCS) and Indiana Partnership for Social Work Education in Child Welfare

**IV-E BSW Child Welfare Scholars Program**

The IV-E Program is designed to provide special course work and enhanced practicum experiences that lead to employment as a public child welfare worker in the state of Indiana. Students who participate in the program will receive financial support through the Department of Child Services (DCS) and will graduate with a commitment for employment with the DCS. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a BSW Program.

**Program Design**

**Tuition**

Each student selected to participate in the program will receive full in-state tuition and mandatory fees during the duration of participation while maintaining full-time status (12 credit hour minimum), and a 2.5 overall GPA with a 3.0 GPA in the social work program.

**Stipend**

Each student will be awarded $2,000.00 per fall and spring semesters to assist with the cost of training expenses during the course of the program, as required by the Indiana Child Services Education Program.

**Employment**

Program participants will have a commitment to work for DCS for 24 months post-graduation.

**Admissions Process**

Applicants will need to submit an application to the program. Following are the minimum requirements for admission to the program:

- Sophomore or Junior Status (on track to graduate in Spring or Summer, 2017)
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 and grade point average of 3.0 in social work.
- Minimum of three semesters remaining before graduation.
- Interview with social work faculty and representatives of the Department of Child Services.

**Applicants will be evaluated on:**

- Written application describing the student’s interest in child welfare
- Verbal communication skills in the committee interview
- Three professional or academic references
- Academic Performance
- Volunteer experience

Applications for the 2016-17 BSW IV-E Scholars Program are due on **October 23, 2015**. Interviews will take place in early November and Scholars will be notified before Thanksgiving Break, 2015. Funding begins Fall of 2016. Mandatory training dates: August 18, 19, (2016), January 6, April 20 & 21 (2017).

**Questions?** Contact IV-E Coordinator, Greta Slater [gslater@bsu.edu].

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