The University of North Dakota, Department of Social Work pays undergraduate and graduate students to prepare for North Dakota public child welfare work through a stipend program. To repay the stipend, the student agrees to work in a child welfare agency for a specified period of time after graduation. The student must accept a field placement (internship) in public child welfare, and employment in a North Dakota state, county, region, or on American Indian reservation upon their degree.

The faculty at the Department of Social Work at the University of North Dakota will determine the appropriateness of the field placement. If employment in an appropriate agency within one year after graduation is not achieved, the student will be expected to take a position in other departments designated by the Children and Family Services Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services or arrange repayment. Employment might necessitate relocation to any part of the state of North Dakota.

The student further is responsible to:

1. Remain in good standing in the social work program, as defined by the University of North Dakota, Department of Social Work in their catalog.


3. Abide by the National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics and North Dakota rules and laws governing social work during the repayment period.

To apply for the stipend, you must be accepted into the social work program. Applications are accepted once per year and are due by July 1, with awards beginning the following fall semester. Complete the application form including one-page (minimum) essay on your interest in child welfare, and submit it to Stephanie Homstad in the Department of Social Work. Then, arrange an interview with Stephanie Homstad, and proceed to sign a contract with the Children and Family Services Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services.