

Children, Youth & Families Department  
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**ABQ East Perm. Planning**  
505.841.2900

**ABQ West Perm. Planning**  
505.841.7800

**Raton**  
575.445.2358

**ABQ East  
Investigations & I-HS**  
505.841.2910

**ABQ. Placement**  
505.841.7994

**Rio Rancho**  
505.867.2373

**ABQ West Investigations & I-HS**  
505.841.7800

**Carlsbad**  
575.887-3576

**Roswell**  
575.624.6071

**Anthony**  
575.882.7900

**Clovis**  
575.763.0014

**Ruidoso**  
575.257.9217

**Clayton**  
575.374.9862

**Gallup**  
505.863.9556

**Silver City**  
575.538.2945

**Deming**  
575.546.6557

**Grants**  
505.285.6673

**Santa Fe**  
505.827.7450

**Espanola**  
505.753.7191

**Hobbs**  
575.397.3450

**Socorro**  
575.835.2716

**Estancia**  
505.384.2745

**Las Cruces**  
575.524.6400

**Taos**  
575.758.8871

**Farmington**  
505.327.5316

**Las Vegas**  
505.425.9335

**T or C**  
575.894.3414

**Alamogordo**  
575.434.5950

**Los Lunas**  
505.865.4634

**Tucumcari**  
575.461.0110

**Artesia**  
575.748.1221

**Portales**  
575.356.6688

Visit the CYFD website regarding employment opportunities.  
[www.cyfd.org](http://www.cyfd.org)

# Title IV - E Child Welfare Stipends at New Mexico Highlands University

School of Social Work



In partnership with

## Children, Youth, & Families Department

If you are a BSW or MSW student at Highlands University and you want to make a difference in the lives of children and families in New Mexico, you may qualify for a Title IV-E Child Welfare stipend.

[www.nmhu.edu/socialwork](http://www.nmhu.edu/socialwork)

## Child Welfare Educational Assistance Program

Since 1991, New Mexico Highlands University School of Social Work, in partnership with Children Youth & Families Department Protective Services Division(CYFD), has been providing stipends funded by Title IV-E to qualified BSW and MSW(all concentrations) students interested in a career in child welfare. Stipends provide financial assistance to students during their course of study. Upon graduation, students begin an exciting and challenging career in child welfare, an area that demands qualified, motivated and dedicated individuals.

### **CYFD-PSD, the largest employer of social workers within the state of New Mexico offers:**

- social work practice opportunities in rural and urban areas;
- opportunities to work with diverse, multicultural populations;
- job security upon graduation;
- competitive retirement benefits;
- excellent medical, dental and legal plans;
- career ladder opportunities in social work managerial positions.

### **Global email will be sent out with application deadline date for the following cycle.**

*"Students should reach out to the NMHU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 505-454-3318, or via email at [financialaid@nmhu.edu](mailto:financialaid@nmhu.edu), to explore how receiving the CYFD stipend with other grants, scholarships, loans, and other sources of financial aid, may impact their overall Cost of Attendance (COA). The COA is used to determine the total amount of financial aid a student can receive. There is a maximum Cost of Attendance and all sources of financial aid (including the CYFD stipend) cannot exceed this amount. In some instances, students may not be eligible to receive the stipend if they do not plan appropriately. If you plan on applying for the CYFD Stipend, it's highly recommended that you discuss this opportunity (in the likelihood you receive it) and your overall financial aid package with the financial aid office as early as possible."*

## Stipend Amounts & Field Practicum Requirements

Full stipends are available to students enrolled on a full-time basis in the BSW or MSW program. BSW senior-level students receive \$11,000 per academic year; MSW students receive \$12,000 per academic year. Students must be enrolled in field practicum the year a full stipend is awarded. Students may apply for a stipend each year, up to 3 in total.

Partial stipends are available to CYFD employees and part-time MSW students.

Students selected to receive a stipend must complete a practicum with CYFD while in the BSW or MSW programs. Students must be enrolled in the SOWK4000/5000 Children's Services while receiving the stipend.

Upon graduation, the student will be required to work for CYFD as specified in the stipend contract. Stipend amounts and work commitment requirements are subject to change.

## Eligibility

Students eligible for consideration:

- BSW students entering their senior year in the upcoming fall semester;
- MSW students entering their next year of study;
- newly admitted 1st year MSW students;
- newly admitted Advanced Standing students;
- current stipend recipients;
- CYFD employees enrolled in the social work program.

### **Instructions for downloading application and reference form.**

- Go to [www.nmhu.edu/cyfdforms](http://www.nmhu.edu/cyfdforms)
- Scroll down to CYFD stipend application and CYFD Stipend reference form.



Interested students must:

- submit CYFD Title IV-E application by deadline indicated in global email.
- interview with a panel consisting of representatives from CYFD;
- successfully complete a level 3 background check;
- agree to meet contractual obligation to work, (as a paid employee), for CYFD after graduation as payback for the stipend;
- repay the CYFD stipend within the specified time frame if work obligation is not met;
- be willing to accept CYFD employment in counties where there is the greatest need for qualified social workers.

If you have any questions contact:

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Application deadline will be indicated in global email for the following academic year. Three cycles are offered per year.  
**(February, April & November)**

