Child Welfare Career Opportunity!!!
CWEB
(Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureates)

What is CWEB?

The Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureates (CWEB) program is a cooperative effort among the United States Administration for Children and Families, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and fourteen undergraduate social work degree programs in Pennsylvania accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Its goal is to strengthen public child welfare services in Pennsylvania by providing educational opportunities for undergraduate social work majors preparing for employment in one of Pennsylvania’s sixty-seven public child welfare agencies.

Who is qualified to apply?

Any official undergraduate social work major in any of the fourteen approved schools may apply provided the applicant is at least a junior; has a minimum academic grade point average of 2.5; and has a recommendation from the faculty of the social work program in which the applicant is enrolled. Persons in default of federal educational loans or those who cannot obtain clean criminal and child abuse clearances are ineligible.

What is required for the application process?

- Official acceptance as a social work major at one of the approved schools with status of at least a junior;
- Recommendation from the social work faculty of the school in which the applicant is enrolled;
- Current resume;
- Valid US Driver’s License;
- Academic transcripts (Minimum 2.5 GPA);
- Completed personal statement of interest; and a
- Completed CWEB application available online at:
  http://socialwork.pitt.edu/researchtraining/child-welfare-ed-research-programs/cweb

What financial support is available?

Persons admitted to the CWEB program for full-time study will receive full tuition and fees (PA State rate) for two semesters during their senior year at the school where enrolled, a fellowship of $600.00 per month for 8 months; a $640.00 bonus for less than 975 hours of internship and a $2200.00 bonus for 975 hours of internship and a book allowance for child welfare books of $100.00 (one child welfare course is required). Bonuses are paid only after graduation and verification of hours completed and public agency hire is received by the CWEB Coordinator.

What employment commitment does a student have after graduation?

Persons enrolled in the CWEB program will be required to sign a legally binding contract agreeing to employment in a Pennsylvania public child welfare agency immediately upon graduation. This provision is a strict requirement in compliance with federal regulations and may not be waived for graduate study or delayed for any other purpose. There are 67 county child welfare agencies throughout the state. The student may fulfill the commitment in any of those agencies where vacancies exist. The contractual period of employment will be one calendar year for each academic year for which the student receives financial support. Students are also required to complete the Charting the Course child welfare caseworker trainings offered through the Child Welfare Resource Center. A Training Specialist will be assigned to assist the student with this process.

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