**2023-2024 CCWSC Scholarship Application – First-time CCWSC Scholars**

**Short Answer Planning Document**

Use this document to prepare your application answers. Please apply for the 2023-2024 application online here: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/85472>.

Note: each short answer has a maximum word count

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Watch the [Colorado Caseworker Realistic Job Preview video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWYG-Yj9dhE) and respond to the following questions:

1. Based on the video and your understanding of the day-to-day responsibilities, tell us why you think you are a good fit for child welfare work. Be sure to discuss your knowledge, skills, and experiences that directly connect to child welfare work.  (500 word maximum)

1. Choose one value/ethical principle from the [NASW Social Work Code of Ethics](https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/) and discuss how you see it connecting to child welfare goals and practices based on your current knowledge and understanding.  (500 word maximum)

1. There are many difficult or emotionally challenging situations in child welfare. There may be times when this work evokes an emotional response. How will you recognize this and what would you need, both personally and professionally, to continue in this work?  (500 word maximum)
2. Describe a time when you interacted with an individual or family that had a background different from your own (e.g., religion, race, sexual orientation, socio economic status, other beliefs, values, or culture). What did you learn from that experience?  (500 word maximum)
3. Imagine you are a child welfare caseworker.  It is 1:00 pm and you have a number of things you must get done.  You must choose what you would do first, second and third and explain why you chose that order (500 word maximum):

* 1. A court report due by 2:00pm that will take at least 50 minutes and is required for a judge to make a critical placement decision for siblings on your caseload.
  2. Return a voice message left by a foster mother saying a foster child on your caseload must be moved from her home “NOW”!
  3. Return a call to a school nurse who has left a message stating a child on your caseload has bruises on her buttocks and legs.  The child told the nurse, “Grandma (with whom she had been placed) did it with the fly swatter ‘cuz I was bad”.