CO Child Welfare Scholarship - New Scholars 2027-2028

Contact Information

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Preferred First Name: *

Last name: *

Pronouns:

Email address: *

Address Line 1: *

Address Line 2:

City: *

State: *

Select one...

Phone number:

Are you a returning scholar?

Returning Scholar?

Have you ever received a child welfare stipend/scholarship in Colorado? *

- Yes
- No

Returning scholars: this application is for new scholars only.If you are a returning scholar please fill out the r*eturning scholar application.*

This application is for new scholars only.If you have received a child welfare stipend or scholarship in the past please apply using the returning scholar application.

Demographic Information

Core Identities

The following information is being collected to better understand the students who apply to the Scholars program. These questions are optional and this information will not be provided to application reviewers or interview panelists as part of the selection process.

Age as of January 1st, 2027

- Under 18
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- Over 55

Do you consider yourself to be (select all that apply):

- [ ] Female
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Transgender
- [ ] Other

Do you consider yourself to be (select all that apply):

- [ ] Straight/Heterosexual
- [ ] Gay or Lesbian
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other

Do you consider yourself to be (select all that apply):

- [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Black or African American
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- [ ] White
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other

Ethnicity - are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or of Spanish origin (select all that apply):

- [ ] Yes, of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or of Spanish origin
- [ ] No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or of Spanish origin
- [ ] Some other race, ethnicity, or origin
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other

Are you considered a first-generation college student?

Note: Select *no* if either of your parents or legal guardians have earned a four-year college degree or beyond.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

What is your household income?

- ○ Below $10K
- ○ $10K - $50K
- ○ $50K - $100K
- ○ $100K - $150K
- ○ Over $150K

Are you currently or have you ever served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces?

- ○ Yes, currently serving
- ○ Yes, previously served
- ○ No

Will you be receiving any of the following financial supports during the upcoming academic year that will cover the full cost of attendence?

- ☐ EmpowerEd
- ☐ FosterEd program
- ☐ Indigenous & Native Peoples' Grant
- ☐ Military or Veteran education benefits
- ☐ None of these apply
- ☐ Private/Public Foundation or Trust Grant
- ☐ Reisher Scholarship
- ☐ Other

Academic Status

Please note: Academic information WILL be provided to application reviewers and interview panelists as part of the selection process.

What University do you plan to attend in the 2027 - 2028 academic year (select **all** that apply)? *

- ☐ Colorado State University Pueblo (CSU Pueblo)
- ☐ Colorado Mesa University (CMU)
- ☐ Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver)
- ☐ University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)
- ☐ University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW)
- ☐ I am still applying and haven't decided yet (please select the options above where you are applying)

My academic status for the 2027 -2028 academic year is: *

- BSSW senior year student
- MSW Advanced Standing
- MSW First (Foundation) Year
- MSW Second (Concentration) Year

I will enroll/am enrolled in the following type of program: *

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Undetermined at this time

Are you a current child welfare employee? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, which county?

How many years have you been employed in a child welfare position? *

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10+

Which county(ies) are you interested in interning with? (select all that apply)

Note: The counties listed are those with current scholar/county representation. If you do not see the county you are interested in, please list that county. *

- [ ] Adams
- [ ] Arapahoe
- [ ] Boulder
- [ ] Broomfield
- [ ] Chaffee
- [ ] Clear Creek
- [ ] Custer
- [ ] Denver
- [ ] Douglas
- [ ] Eagle
- [ ] El Paso
- [ ] Elbert
- [ ] Fremont
- [ ] Garfield
- [ ] Gilpin
- [ ] Huerfano
- [ ] Jefferson
- [ ] Lake
- [ ] Larimer
- [ ] Mesa
- [ ] Moffat
- [ ] Montrose
- [ ] Park
- [ ] Pitkin
- [ ] Pueblo
- [ ] Teller
- [ ] SE Colorado: Cheyenne/Crowley/Kiowa/Otero/Prowers
- [ ] SW Colorado: Archuleta/Dolores/LaPlata/Montezuma
- [ ] NE Colorado: Logan/Morgan/Weld/Yuma
- [ ] Other

Are you a U.S. citizen? (*Note*: International students completing their degree under a student visa program are *not* eligible for this scholarship) *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If not a U.S. citizen, do you have legal status for employment in the United States as per 8 U.S.C. §1324a?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Do you have a valid driver's license? *

- Yes
- No

Owning a vehicle is an employment requirement within most county department of social/human services in Colorado. Do you own a car?

(Not having a vehicle does not prohibit you from being considered for a scholarship but may impact your internship opportunities in some counties. Owning a vehicle will likely be a requirement for the work payback portion of the scholars program following graduation.) *

- Yes
- No

Do you have proof of automobile insurance? *

- Yes
- No

As per Colorado Department of Human Services rules and regulations (7.000.6 T1) a person's employment is conditional upon a satisfactory criminal background check; and subject to the same grounds for denial or dismissal as outlined in 26-6-104(7), C.R.S. Your internship and future employment fall under this provision.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime that falls under these categories?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain:

List any languages (other than English) in which you are fluent:*

How did you hear about the child welfare scholars program? (select all that apply)*

- Classmate/Colleague
- Faculty/Field Liaison/University Representative
- County DHS Representative
- CO Department of Human Services Representative
- Website/Social Media/Internet Search
- Other

The following questions are specific to the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW). CCWSC applicants are required to complete these questions if you are applying or currently enrolled in the GSSW program.

Which GSSW social work program are you enrolled in or are you applying to? *

- Denver Campus MSW
- MSW @ Denver Fully Online Program
- Western Colorado MSW
- Four Corners MSW
- 3+2 Social Work Program
- MSW Dual Degree Program

When did you begin, or when do you anticipate beginning, the GSSW program? *

- Fall Quarter
- Spring Quarter
- Summer Quarter
- Winter Quarter

Please indicate the year: *

When do you anticipate completing your MSW degree? *

- Fall Quarter
- Spring Quarter
- Summer Quarter
- Winter Quarter

Please indicate the year: *

CCWSC scholars are expected to begin their county-based child welfare internship during the Fall Quarter. This allows scholars to participate in the new caseworker training in an intern cohort. Do you anticipate beginning your internship during the Fall Quarter of the 27-28 academic year? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure - I need to confirm

If no, please explain:

Required Documents

Resume

Please provide a 1-2 page updated resume (including educational & work/volunteer experience). *

Select File

Choose File No file selected

Maximum File Size: 10MB

No file attached

FERPA Acknowledgement

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), educational institutions are prohibited from releasing student education records without your consent. Additional information regarding FERPA and educational records can be accessed within the specific university you are affiliated with or applying to.

By completing this form and submitting this application, you are authorizing the Colorado Child Welfare Scholars Consortium (CCWSC) to release ALL educational records, as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and which may include, but are not limited to, transcripts and disciplinary records to the person(s) or organization(s) designated through this form. This authorization will remain in effect until you (the student) withdraw this authorization in writing to the Office of the Registrar of your university.

A password of CWSCHOLAR is assigned to your FERPA and the person to whom information is released will be members of the CCWSC statewide committee including representatives from:

Participating universities
Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)
Colorado county departments of human/social services

By typing your name below you are authorizing your university and the CCWSC program to release all academic records on file to the Colorado Dept. of Higher Education for the purpose of child welfare scholar selection and tracking within the requirements of the program. *

Short Answer Questions

New Applicants - Short Answer Questions

Watch the Colorado Realistic Social Caseworker Job Preview video & respond to the following questions.

Note: The questions below have limits on the number of words you can use. You may want to develop your answers in a Word document first, edit and do a word count, and then paste your answer onto this form.

Please review the CCWSC statement on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) within the scholar application and selection process.

What inspired you to want to work in child welfare and how have your previous experiences, strengths, values, and skills positioned you to advocate for children and families?

*

Max Number of Words: 500

What do you see as the primary responsibilit(ies) of a child welfare caseworker? What skills do you think a caseworker needs to accomplish their goals? *

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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? *

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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? *

Max Number of Words: 500

Imagine you are a child welfare caseworker. It is 1:00 pm and you havea number of things you must get done. Choose what you would do **first, second and third** and **explain why** you chose that order:

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.
Return a voice message left by a foster mother saying a foster child on your caseload must be moved from her home "NOW"!
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".

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Reference Request Instructions

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The next section will take you to reference requests. You will need the name and email of everyone you are requesting references from. Please let the person know that you are using their name for a reference request and they should be getting an email with detailed instructions.

References

New Scholar Applicant: Reference Request

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS: Two reference requests are required and should come from someone who is acquainted with your writing skills, personal qualities, and your professional goals. If applicable, they should also be knowledgeable about child welfare. COUNTY EMPLOYEES: One reference request MUST be from your current child welfare supervisor.

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