

Stipend Programs (AY 2024-2025)**SECTION I. School of Social Work (SSW) Stipend Program Application Process**

Please review the attached chart (Section II) which outlines the stipend programs currently available. If you have any questions, please contact the Program Coordinator listed for the stipend you are interested in.

- i. Applicants must be admitted to the SSW MSW Program before they apply.
- ii. Applicants are allowed to apply for two stipend programs within the same stipend category only (See the chart below).
 - For example, an applicant may apply to both HCAI and PBH stipend programs but *not* to HCAI and the LA DCFS Stipend.
- iii. If accepted into both programs of the same category, applicants must choose one stipend program and immediately withdraw from the other stipend program.
- iv. Each stipend program has its own awardee selection policy and specific application requirements. Specific program information and applications are provided with the MSW program acceptance packet once students are admitted.

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SECTION II. Stipend Program Chart

Stipend Program Category	Child Welfare		Behavioral Health			Aging	
Stipend Programs	LA DCFS Internship	California Title IV-E Education Program	HCAI Fellowship	CalSWEC PBH	DMH	GSWEC	CalSWEC APS
Eligibility (ASP, 2-YR, 3-YR MSW Programs)	Students are selected in their 1 st year of practicum. Open to 2-year, 3-year and possibility for ASP in AY 24-25.	Students in the 2-yr. and 3-yr. program are eligible for a 2-year stipend. Public Child Welfare (PCW) employees (e.g., LAC DCFS, OCSSA) in 3-yr. program are eligible for reimbursements. BASW stipends - determined by availability of grant funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply at the 1st year.• ASP & 2-YR MSW students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply in either the foundation or advanced year.• Renewable but must reapply (not guaranteed).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply at the final year of the MSW Program.• ASP, 2-YR, & 3-YR MSW students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply at the final year of the MSW Program.• ASP, 2-YR, & 3-YR MSW students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply in either the foundation or advanced year.• Renewable but must reapply (not guaranteed).
Stipend Program commitment length	2 years	MSW -2 yrs. BASW – 1 yr.	2 yrs (for 2-YR Program) 1 yr (for ASP)	Typically 1 yr. but can be renewed	1 yr.	1 yr.	Typically 1 yr. but can be renewed
Academic year (AY) stipend Amount	\$26,000/ AY	\$25,000/AY. Total \$50,000 for full stipend program length. County PCW employees - reimbursement for eligible expenses up to \$17,000 per AY. BASW stipends are \$20,270 for one year.	\$10,000/AY (Total \$20,000 for 2-YR Program students for the full stipend program length)	\$25,000/AY	\$18,500/AY	\$4k-6k/AY	\$20,000/AY
Practicum Placement (settings)*	In the 1 st year, at an agency that works with children and families. In 2 nd year, the Pasadena office of LA County DCFS	First year internship at a CBO, working with at risk children and families. Second year at LA Co DCFS. Employees: same as above in 1 st year. 2 nd year, LA Co DCFS	Behavioral health	Student must be at an agency that delivers publicly funded behavioral health care services, e.g., community-based	Must currently be interning (2 nd yr. placement) or previously interned (1 st yr. placement) at a DMH directly agency or DMH contracted agency	Must match and place with a GSWEC approved agency	Foundation year must involve delivering public services for aging and/or vulnerable adults,

		macro (or clinical) placement. BASW placement at LA County DCFS.		behavioral health care clinics and agencies, inpatient psychiatric hospitals, schools, colleges, SELPAs, etc.			Advanced year must be in an adult protective services agency.
Stipend Program Training requirements	Mandatory specialized seminars (non-credited)	Mandatory specialized seminars (in addition to MSW program requirements and not for credit)	Yes	Mandatory specialized seminars (in addition to MSW program requirements and not for credit)		GSWEC provides training didactics during internship	Mandatory specialized seminars (in addition to MSW program requirements and not for credit)
MSW elective courses required for the stipend program	SW 5805 ³	SW 5805 ³	SW 5802 ¹ & SW 5804 ²	SW 5802 ¹ & SW 5804 ²		SW 5802 ¹ & SW 5804 ²	SW 5806 ⁴
Minimum required yrs of post-MSW work Commitment	Recipients agree to work for LA County DCFS for a minimum of 2 years after graduation	2-yr. stipend students: Contractual agreement to work at any county PCW agency in the State of CA, CDSS, or Tribal/urban Indian agency. Employee (PCW) students agree to return to agency of employment immediately after MSW program completion. BASW – 1 yr. employment commitment.	5 yrs in the fields of behavioral health providing clinical services to children/youth (up to 25 yrs old) and/or their caregivers in unserved/underserved communities.	1 year per year of stipend received. For example, if you receive the stipend for two years, then you owe two years of service.	Commit one-year (12 months) employment post-degree in a clinical capacity at either a directly operated or agency contracted by LAC DMH.		1 year per year of stipend received. For example, if you receive the stipend for two years, then you owe two years of service.
Payback requirement if post-MSW commitment is not met	Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.	Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.	No (but HCAI keeps fellows' contact information)	Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.	Yes, payment will be pro-rated if part of the commitment is not fulfilled.		Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.



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¹ SW 5802: Empowerment and Recovery in Mental Health
² SW 5804: Trauma, Substance Abuse & Violence
³ SW 5805: Policy & Practice in Public Child Welfare
⁴ SW 5806: Grief and Loss in Later Life
 * All stipend programs require students to intern at an appropriate placement. Students must successfully pass a background clearance. Additionally, some agencies require they pass a drug screening and/or psychological evaluation.