**What is CalSWEC?**

Funded by Federal Title IV-E dollars, CalSWEC is a program of financial assistance for students interested in pursuing a career in public child welfare. This is linked to a curriculum developed jointly by educators and professionals in public child welfare practice.

The part-time CalSWEC program is limited to current employees of County and State Departments of Social Services or Public Child Welfare Agencies.

Each part-time CalSWEC student recipient receives reimbursement for tuition, fees, costs for required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class or fieldwork.

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**CalSWEC Recipient Expectations**

- Recipients must complete the part-time model in the Children, Youth & Family (CYF) Concentration to which they were accepted and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.
- First-year field must be completed in an agency that works directly with IV-E eligible children.
- Second-year field must be completed in their host public child welfare agency with a focus on either direct practice or administration (in an area other than where they work).
- Recipients must complete a specialized child welfare curriculum that includes an elective course in child welfare, attend required meetings, and complete a thesis with a focus on child welfare.
- CalSWEC recipients are not eligible to pursue the PPS credential program while in the MSW program.
- **Recipients participating in the program sign a contract to return to their home agency to render 6 months of continuous and satisfactory full-time employment for each 15 semester units of CalSWEC educational support, at a level appropriate to a new MSW in public child welfare.**

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**How do I apply?**

- To apply for the CalSWEC award, one must first apply and be admitted to both the University and CSULB Department of Social Work part-time model of the CYF Concentration.
- Next, incoming students must attend a CalSWEC information meeting held in late spring, after students are admitted and prior to fall enrollment.
- A written application is required, including information regarding past work experiences in public child welfare, and other experience related to work with at-risk children.
- Applicants are required to answer a series of four questions in writing. These questions relate to the student’s thoughtful planning regarding their graduate studies, their commitment to and understanding of, public child welfare.
- Applicants must have a letter of support from the director (or designate) of their county’s child welfare services.
- The CalSWEC Awards Committee selects recipients. Students are notified in the summer.

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**What about full-time students?**

- Public Child Welfare employees may participate if they are on educational leave.

For more details see the CalSWEC full-time brochure.