

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH



DISTANCE EDUCATION MSW PROGRAM

COSTS AND BENEFITS OF OBTAINING YOUR MSW

Q1: Will obtaining my MSW make much of a difference in terms of my annual salary?

A1: The difference between the national median BASW vs. MSW salary is about \$6,000.

YOU CAN HOPE TO RECOUP YOUR EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT IN APPROXIMATELY 5 YEARS (INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS)

Q2: Will obtaining my MSW have any intangible benefits?

A1: You will gain skills in practice, administration, research, and many other areas.

A2: You will have a sense of personal achievement.

A3: You will develop life-long friends in your Distance Education cohort.

A4: Your new friends will constitute an important professional network for years to come.

Q3: Can I afford the costs involved in obtaining my MSW degree through the Distance Education Program at California State University, Long Beach?

A1: Tuition for each unit is expected to be approximately \$475.

A2: Total tuition for the 60-unit program is thus expected to be \$28,500 (pending finalization of Distance Education internal budget, which is not dependent on state budgetary decisions regarding higher education).

Q4: Is funding available?

A1: Students currently working in public child welfare are eligible for a stipend from the California Social Work Education Center (CaSWEC) for tuition, books, and transportation from home to campus and from home to field placement.

A2: Other students are eligible for a variety of state and federal loans.