

Stephen F. Austin State University



School of Social Work Master of Social Work Program

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The Council on Social Work Education

MSW Application Packet

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School of Social Work

MSW PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all required documentation to the School of Social Work and Graduate School offices. Submit the MSW application materials to the School of Social Work via email (sorrellscr@sfasu.edu), mail to P.O. Box 6104 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962, or fax to 936/468-7201.

The application to the Graduate School must be submitted online using the Apply Texas Application for Admission along with a \$50 application fee and **official transcripts**. The Apply Texas Application link: <https://www.applytexas.org>

The application process will proceed as follows:

1. Once the Graduate School office has received all required application materials, that office will forward a Notice of Admission to the School of Social Work for review by the MSW Admissions Committee.
2. When the School of Social Work has received all MSW application materials, Graduate School Notice of Admissions, and the Recommendations for Admission, the student's file will be forwarded to the MSW Admissions Committee for review.
3. The MSW Admission Committee will review the student file and make a recommendation for admission by completing the Departmental Recommendation for Admission form, the Director will complete the Notice of Admission, and this form will be returned to the Graduate School's office immediately.
4. The Graduate School will complete a Graduate School Admission Notice based on the recommendation from the MSW Admission Committee.
5. If the student is to be admitted, the Graduate School will mail a copy of the Graduate School Admission Notice to the student or a letter on admission status.
6. The Graduate School is responsible for admitting the student into the Student Information System. This may take several days for completion.
7. Once the Graduate School has admitted the student into the Student Information System, the student may attend a new student orientation, be advised and register for courses.

For more information, contact the School of Social Work.

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MSW PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission

In order to be considered for admission to the MSW program, applications must submit:

(1) a SFA Graduate School application, (2) official transcripts to the Graduate School, (3) three letters of recommendation using the attached form, (4) supplemental application for the MSW program, and (5) a written statement of interest in social work. Application forms for the Graduate School: <https://www.applytexas.org>. The link for the MSW application is at <http://www.sfasu.edu/academics/colleges/liberal-applied-arts/social-work/academics/master-social-work>

Non-Advanced Standing

To be considered for clear non-advanced standing admission, applications should present an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 hours. Applicants who demonstrate outstanding qualifications on other admission criteria may be admitted on a probationary basis with an overall GPA of 2.5 and 2.8 GPA for the last 60 hours.

Advanced Standing

A limited number of students may be admitted to the advanced standing program. To be considered for advanced standing, applicants must have earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Applicants admitted on a probationary status are not eligible for advanced standing.

To receive advanced standing, an applicant must have made a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of undergraduate course work and a 2.5 GPA overall.

The MSW Program Director will make decisions on course equivalency credit. Advanced placement credit may be awarded for SWK 501, SWK 502, SWK 507 and SWK 512. Advanced standing credit is not automatic and students may be required to submit course equivalency information or successfully complete a competency examination before receiving credit for a course. All students who receive advanced standing must complete a minimum of 35 credit hours in order to receive the MSW. Part-time advanced standing students must complete the program in two years.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all required documentation to the School of Social Work and Graduate School offices.

_____ Texas Common Application for Admission for SFA Graduate School located at: <https://www.applytexas.org>

_____ \$50 application fee payable online through Texas Common Application or payable to Stephen F. Austin State University Business Office (The application must be received by the Graduate School prior to making the payment to the university)

_____ **Official transcripts from all post-secondary education sent to the Graduate School**

_____ MSW Supplemental Application

_____ Statement of Interest in Social Work (At least one paragraph answering three questions in APA format, double-spaced with your name on the paper.)

_____ Summary of employment history or Resume

_____ Three (3) Letters of Recommendation forms completed as stated below*

- a. A supervisor from a work or volunteer setting, preferably a professional setting
- b. A professor or dean from an educational setting
- c. A professional (not personal) reference

_____ Student Information Contact Form

All MSW Application documents must be submitted to Ms. Cristy Sorrells via email – sorrellscr@sfasu.edu, mail – P.O. Box 6104 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962-6104, or fax – 936/468-7201

***BSW students seeking advanced standing should include a letter from their Program Director or Field Coordinator.**

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School of Social Work MSW PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Please Print

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Application for Admission: Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Year _____

Applying for: Full-time admission _____ Part-time admission _____

Advanced Standing _____ Non-Advanced Standing _____
(Must have BSW degree)

Class location preference (if available): Nacogdoches _____ The Woodlands _____

Are you fluent in any language other than English? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what language? _____

Are you a Child Protective Services employee? Yes ___ No ___

Have you successfully completed undergraduate course work in the following?

Social Statistics: Yes ___ No ___

Multiculturalism (Race or Minority Relations): Yes ___ No ___

Have you successfully completed a minimum of 18 credit hours in Liberal Arts course work?
(i.e., English, Political Science, History, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, etc.) Yes ___ No ___

Have you been arrested, charged or convicted of a criminal offense? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please explain _____

If you have ever been convicted of a felony, it may affect your ability to obtain a Social Work License in the State of Texas. Contact the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners for more information at 1-800-232-3162.

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

As part of your application, please enclose a statement (written in an essay form, about two pages, double-spaced) about your interest in social work addressing the three questions below.

The statement of interest must be submitted to Cristy Sorrells at sorrellscr@sfasu.edu.

1. How did you become interested in pursuing a professional career in social work?

2. What qualities or abilities do you possess that would make you an asset to the social work profession?

3. How would the MSW program's specialized practice at SFA help to meet your goals for your professional career in social work?

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name/Initial: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Current Address: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Work Telephone Number: _____

Cell Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person(s): _____

Contact Person(s) Telephone Number: _____

Additional Information: _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Under the federal Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their record, including letters of recommendation. However, persons who serve as a reference may feel more comfortable in fully addressing all issues if they know that their recommendations will remain confidential. You have the option of waiving the right to review your recommendation. Please indicate your choice concerning this right.

_____ I waive my right to review this recommendation.

_____ I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Applicant's Signature: _____

TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION:

You have been selected by the person named above to evaluate his or her ability and readiness to enter a graduate program in social work. Your appraisal of this individual will help the Admission Committee to make a decision about the applicant's capacity to benefit from this program.

KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICANT

1. What is the nature of your contact with this applicant?

2. Approximately how long have you known this applicant?

3. How well do you know the applicant?

1	2	3	4	5
Not very well				Very Well

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate the applicant's chances of success in an MSW program?

1	2	3	4	5
Unsuccessful	Probably Successful	Marginal	Successful	Very Unsuccessful

Knowledge of social work:

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding
	1	2	3	4	5
Writing ability	1	2	3	4	5
Verbal ability	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Problem Solving	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Teamwork	1	2	3	4	5
Concern for others	1	2	3	4	5
Sensitivity to Other cultures	1	2	3	4	5

What are the applicant's primary strengths?

What are the applicant's weaknesses?

What would the applicant contribute to the profession?

Would you recommend this applicant for admission to this MSW program?

Yes: _____ With serious reservations: _____ No: _____

Signature of respondent: _____ Name (printed): _____

Title: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Master of Social Work Program Curriculum

MSW Grad Bulletin:

http://catalog.sfasu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=145&returnto=56

Advanced Standing Full-time (10 months)

Summer Session II

SWK 504 Introduction to Rurality	<u>3</u>
	3

Fall Semester

**SWK 517 Social Policy Analysis	3
SWK 520 Social Work Research Process	3
SWK 525 Advanced Generalist Practice	3
SWK 535 Seminar in Advanced Rural Practice	3
SWK 558 Advanced Practice with Groups	<u>3</u>
	15

Spring Semester

SWK 530 Research Practicum	3
SWK 539 Seminar	3
SWK 540 Field Instruction IV	4
SWK 541 Field Instruction V	4
Elective	<u>3</u>
	17

*Social Statistics _____

*Thesis Courses (SWK 575, SWK 589, SWK 590)

Total Credits 35

Student Name: _____ SID: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

__I have been informed that the MSW Handbook is available online on the MSW program homepage.

Master of Social Work Program Curriculum

MSW Grad Bulletin:

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Advanced Standing Part-time (2 year plan)

Summer Session II

SWK 504 Introduction to Rurality	<u>3</u>
	3

Fall Semester

**SWK 517 Social Policy Analysis	3
SWK 525 Advanced Generalist Practice	3
SWK 535 Seminar in Advanced Rural Practice	3
SWK 558 Advanced Practice with Groups	<u>3</u>
	12

Spring Semester

SWK 520 Social Work Research Process	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
	6

Fall Semester

SWK 549 Field Instruction III	<u>5</u>
	5

Spring Semester

SWK 530 Research Practicum	3
SWK 559 Advanced Field Instruction II	<u>6</u>
	9

*Social Statistics ____

* Thesis Courses (SWK 575, SWK 589, SWK 590) ____ Total Credits 35

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MSW Grad Bulletin: http://catalog.sfasu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=145&returnto=56

Non-Advanced Standing Full-time (2 year plan)

Fall Semester

SWK 501 Introduction to the Social Work Profession	3
SWK 502 Human Behavior	3
SWK 504 Introduction to Rurality	3
SWK 505 Generalist Practice I	3
SWK 519 Field Instruction	<u>4</u>
	16

Spring Semester

SWK 500 Social Work Research Methods	3
SWK 507 Intro to Social Welfare Policy & Services	3
SWK 512 Human Behavior and Social Environment II	3
SWK 515 Generalist Practice II	3
SWK 529 Field Instruction II	<u>4</u>
	16

Fall Semester

**SWK 517 Social Policy Analysis	3
SWK 520 Social Work Research Process	3
SWK 525 Advanced Generalist Practice	3
SWK 535 Seminar in Advanced Rural Practice	3
SWK 558 Advanced Practice with Groups	<u>3</u>
	15

Spring Semester

SWK 530 Research Practicum	3
SWK 539 Seminar	3
SWK 540 Field Instruction IV	4
SWK 541 Field Instruction V	4
Elective	<u>3</u>
	17

*Social Statistics__

*Thesis Courses (SWK 575, SWK 589, SWK 590) __ Total Credits 64

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MSW Grad Bulletin: http://catalog.sfasu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=145&returnto=56

Non-Advanced Standing Part-Time (3 Year Plan of Study)

Fall Semester #1

SWK 501 Introduction to the Social Work Profession	3
SWK 502 Human Behavior	3
SWK 504 Introduction to Rurality	3
SWK 505 Generalist Practice I	3
SWK 519 Field Instruction	<u>4</u>
	16

Spring Semester #1

SWK 500 Social Work Research Methods	3
SWK 507 Intro to Social Welfare Policy & Services	3
SWK 512 Human Behavior and Social Environment II	3
SWK 515 Generalist Practice II	3
SWK 529 Field Instruction II	<u>4</u>
	16

Fall Semester #2

**SWK 517 Social Policy Analysis	3
SWK 520 Social Work Research Process	3
SWK 558 Advanced Practice with Groups	<u>3</u>
	9

Spring Semester #2

SWK 530 Research Practicum	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
	6

Fall Semester #3

SWK 525 Advanced Generalist Practice	3
SWK 535 Seminar in Advanced Rural Practice	<u>3</u>
	6

Spring Semester #3

SWK 539 Seminar	3
SWK 540 Field Instruction IV	4
SWK 541 Field Instruction V	<u>4</u>
	11

*Social Statistics__

*Thesis Courses (SWK 575, SWK 589, SWK 590) ____ Total Credits 64

Student Name: _____ SID: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Office of Research and
Graduate Studies

GRADUATE TRANSFER CREDIT

Name _____ Campus ID _____
Date _____

The graduate courses listed below are eligible for transfer to Stephen F. Austin State University. The student pursuing a master's degree with thesis may transfer a maximum of six (6) semester hours; a student pursuing a master's degree without thesis may transfer a maximum of twelve (12) semester hours. The courses listed on this form may not necessarily apply toward a degree.

To transfer this credit toward a graduate degree at Stephen F. Austin State University, the student must have the approval of the appropriate academic department, academic dean, and graduate dean.

Credit transfer from: _____

Eligible Courses:

(Course number – Title- Credit hours)

Ex: BIO 5415-Ichthyology-4

Expiration Date:

(Semester completed + 6 yrs)

Ex: Fall 2012

Transfer as:

(Substitute for)

Ex: BIO 523

Academic Advisor _____ Date _____

Academic Unit Head _____ Date _____

Academic Dean _____ Date _____

Graduate Dean _____ Date _____

Please return signed form to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, SFA Box 13024.

Academic and Professional Integrity Code

Stephen F. Austin State University

MSW Social Work Program

Social work is a profession. Members are required to strictly adhere to standards of professional integrity.

The mission of the MSW program is to prepare competent and effective professional social workers committed to advanced generalist practice and able to respond to the needs of rural communities and to the challenges faced by people with rural lifestyles. MSW students are prepared to become leaders in practice. Students must act in a professional manner which reflects the knowledge, values and skills of the social work profession. Students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, and the prompt completion of all responsibilities related to services to clients/consumers. This includes being able to function under stressful situations and to adapt to changing environments. Students must be able to perform their duties with compassion, integrity and concern for others.

The Council on Social Work Education, Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards, National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and the Statement of Ethical Principles developed by the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work establish behavioral expectations for professional social workers and students. As a MSW student, it is important to adhere to these codes of ethics. You are expected to fully understand and appreciate the importance of the provisions of these codes and to apply them to your educational experience, *as a condition to your continued status* as a social work student in the program.

1. The **MSW social work student** is expected to maintain high standards of personal conduct and act in accordance with the highest standards of integrity.
2. The **MSW social work student** is expected to uphold high standards of academic integrity.
3. The **MSW social work student** will be committed to becoming a leader in the social work profession. The commitment must be reflected in course work, assignments, class participation, field placements and all professional interactions.
4. The **MSW social work student** will represent the School of Social Work in a professional manner at agencies, in the community and professional events.
5. The **MSW social work student** will familiarize himself/herself with the CSWE accreditation standards, competencies and foundation, and concentration practice behaviors.
6. The **MSW social work student** will familiarize himself/herself with the relevant Codes of Ethics including NASW and IASSW.
7. The **MSW social work student** will adhere to SFA Academic Integrity policies.
8. The **MSW social work student**, while engaged in study and research, must be guided by the conventions of scholarly inquiry.
9. The **MSW social work student**, while engaged in service delivery, will focus on the needs of clients/consumers.

10. The **MSW social work student** must strictly respect the privacy of clients and hold in confidence all information obtained in the course of professional service.
11. The **MSW social work student** is expected to treat fellow students, faculty, supervisors and staff with respect, honesty, courtesy, fairness and good faith.
12. The **MSW social work student** will uphold and advance the values, ethics and mission of the social work profession.
13. The **MSW social work student** must not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.
14. The **MSW social work student** must not engage in any form of inappropriate discrimination based on an individual's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion or other personal characteristic, belief, status or condition.
15. The **MSW social work student** will be responsible for responding to their standard SFA e-mail address in a timely and respectful manner.
16. The **MSW social work student** will use D2L/Brightspace in a responsible way to enhance learning. D2L/Brightspace will not be used to communicate information about fellow students, faculty, supervisors or staff.
17. The **MSW social work student** will use all social media in a responsible and ethical way. Social media should not be used to communicate information about clients, fellow students, faculty, staff or colleagues at agencies. Social media will not be used to communicate with clients.
18. The **MSW social work student** will use appropriate policies and information in syllabi and the MSW Student Handbook to address problems related to specific courses. Students represent themselves and should not speak for or discuss fellow students with faculty.
19. The **MSW social work student** will continue his or her professional development through regular self-assessment of academic and professional aptitude and performance.

The NASW Code of Ethics, promulgated by the National Association of Social Workers: <http://www.socialworker.org>

IASSW Code of Ethics on Human Rights, Social Justice and Professional Conduct: <http://www.iassw-aiets.org>

CSWE accreditation standards, promulgated by the Council on Social Work Education: <http://www.cswe.org>

SFASU Academic Integrity policies:
<http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/4.1-student-academic-dishonesty.pdf>

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FAQ's

1. What can I do with an MSW degree after I graduate?

The social work profession has its own body of knowledge, code of ethics, practice standards, credentials, state licensing and a nationwide system of accredited education programs that equip professional social workers to combine the desire to help others with the knowledge, skill and ethics needed to provide that help. MSW social workers typically work in leadership or advanced positions as managers, supervisors and administrators in a wide variety of settings. Examples include private and public agencies, hospitals, schools, private practice, international organizations and courts to name a few. Social workers are committed to the process of planned change and may work directly with individuals or groups; help communities or groups provide or improve social and health services; and participate in relevant legislative processes that affect quality of life for all citizens.

2. Why should I pursue a MSW from SFA?

The School of Social Work at SFA has a commitment to excellence in the preparation of students as professional social workers. The undergraduate social work program has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1979. The graduate program was accredited by CSWE in 2001.

3. What are my options for study toward a MSW?

- Full time Advanced Standing – 1 year plan
- Part time Advanced Standing – 2 year plan
- Full time Non-advanced Standing – 2 year plan
- Part time Non-advanced Standing – 3 year plan

4. What practice areas are offered?

Upon completion of the program, students will have gained the advanced knowledge, skills and values to work with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations in a variety of settings in rural areas and with people who have rural lifestyles. Although the program's concentration primarily focuses on the rural context of practice, the knowledge, values and skills that students learn are readily transferable to other settings.

5. What are the admission requirements for the MSW program?

In order to be considered for admission to the MSW program, applicants must submit:

- A completed SFA Graduate School application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- 3 letters of recommendation
- A supplemental application for the MSW program
- A written statement of interest in social work
- Resume or history of employment

- Student information sheet

To be considered for clear admission, applicants should have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 hours. Applicants who demonstrate outstanding qualifications on other admission criteria may be admitted on a probationary basis with an overall GPA of 2.5 and 2.8 GPA for the last 60 hours.

A limited number of students may be admitted to the advanced standing program. To be considered for this program, applicants must have earned a BSW from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Applicants admitted on probationary status are not eligible for advanced standing. To receive advanced standing status, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of undergraduate study and GPA of 2.5 overall.

6. Can I transfer credits from other graduate programs?

All courses that students wish to take outside of the MSW program (either at SFA or another college or university) must be approved by the student's advisor and the MSW program director. The advisor may ask students to provide relevant information about the course work for transfer credit. Such information might include the university catalog description of the course and/or course syllabus. The student may also wish to consult the program director as to the appropriateness of the course toward the MSW degree. Only courses from MSW programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education will be accepted for transfer credit. Elective courses taken in areas other than social work are not accepted for transfer credit.

7. Do you offer the MSW program at locations other than the Nacogdoches?

Offering courses at other sites depends on the number of students interested in attending classes at a distant site and the availability of program resources. No new courses are currently being planned for distant sites.

8. Do you offer online courses in social work?

A number of courses in the MSW curriculum are offered online and others are under development. It is the goal of the School of Social Work to offer a significant portion of the degree online in the future.

9. What are requirements for international applicants?

International applicants must meet the same requirements for admission as a student from the United States. In addition, all international applicants must submit a completed International Student Application (available at <http://www.sfasu.edu/oip/85.asp>) plus a non-refundable \$50 application evaluation fee. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit evidence to demonstrate competency in the English language sufficient to function successfully in graduate work.

10. What type of undergraduate degree do I need?

Students wishing to enter the advanced standing (one-year) program must have an undergraduate degree in social work. For other applicants, a liberal arts background is the ideal preparation for the MSW program, but all majors are accepted. For some, additional coursework in human biology, social statistics, and/or multicultural studies may be required.

11. What is the MSW program application deadline?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but should be submitted as early as possible prior to the upcoming semester.

12. Does SFA provide financial aid?

Yes. Financial aid programs in which SFA participates include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Leveraging Educational Assistance Program, Texas Grant Program, Texas Public Educational Grant, Federal Work-Study Program, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Family Educational Loan Program (Stafford Loan) and the Hinson-Hazelwood Student Loan Program. Consideration for these programs requires need analysis. Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Federal Parent Loans, short-term emergency loans and University scholarships may be available to students who do not demonstrate financial need. Information regarding student aid can be found at <http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions-and-aid#section=financial-aid>. A limited number of graduate assistantships and specific scholarships such as the Elisabeth Kenny Memorial Scholarship and the Ima Hogg Mental Health Foundation Scholarship are also available.

13. Are there any specialized stipend programs?

The Child Welfare Professional Development Project in the School of Social Work at SFA receives federal funds (Title IV-E, Social Security Act) from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The purpose of the funds is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students for work in public child welfare and to provide a needed pool of trained social workers in the field of child protection. CWPDP stipends are offered to MSW students, both Child Protective Services employees and non-CPS employees. Interested students should contact Ms. Diane Sizemore at (936) 468-1808 or sizemore@sfasu.edu or Ms. Carol Levine at (936) 468-5105 or at clevine@sfasu.edu for more information.

14. Is student housing available?

Rooms and apartments are provided for approximately 5,000 students on campus. Application forms can be found on the university housing web site at www.sfasu.edu/housing

15. Will I be able to pursue social work licensure after graduation?

Yes, students graduating from the SFA School of Social Work are qualified to sit for the licensure examination in the state of Texas. For more information about application for licensure, students may contact the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners at 1- 800-232-3162 or <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/socialwork/>

16. Whom do I call for additional information?

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