



North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare, Inc.

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The North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare (NDCSW) was formed in 1920 by a group of individuals who were interested in starting a broad based organization that would speak out effectively and strongly on behalf of North Dakota's children and its underprivileged. The conference has been instrumental throughout the years in spearheading legislation, serving as an advocate for the disadvantaged, and conducting training programs/conferences for individuals and groups involved in social welfare issues. During its existence, the conference has reflected the emerging social needs of North Dakotans, such as recognition of the financial needs of destitute citizens, identification of the needs of returning veterans, displaced persons, institutionalized patients, and advocating for the safety, permanence and well-being of children and families.

Over the years the focus of the NDCSW has gradually evolved from a social action organization to one that emphasizes training and coordination. The Conference has sponsored workshops, training courses and large conferences for all segments of the social welfare system and has been instrumental in bringing associated professions together for joint conferences and workshops.

The Conference has had a long and exciting history. It has been instrumental in shaping the structure of the North Dakota social welfare system. It has served as a focal point whereby all persons concerned with social welfare can meet, share ideas, and advocate for the needs of children and disadvantaged adults. NDCSW has always been and will continue to be a powerful vehicle for people helping people.

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the life for all in North Dakota by advocating for the underprivileged, being a leader in social welfare issues, and a force in social welfare reform.

PURPOSE

- Afford an opportunity for those interested in social welfare to discuss needs, methods, principles and activities of their profession;
- Gather and disseminate appropriate information concerning social welfare;
- Actively engage in non-partisan legislation and make the intent known to the people and legislature;
- Promote active cooperation between all agencies and institutions – public and private, religious and secular-engaged in social welfare in this state; and
- Advance for a high standard of social service programs for the citizenry of North Dakota.

Each year the Conference selects student for up to a \$500 scholarship or more. The scholarships are awarded at the annual conference, which is held in September each year. The scholarship selection is based on the student's interest in: 1) social welfare reform; 2) advocating for the underprivileged; and 3) being a leader in social welfare issues. The student must write an essay of 1000 words or less about their interest in the three areas listed above, why you would like to be a member of the NDCSW, what benefits there are to membership in the NDCSW, what committee you would like to serve on, and how you would like to or intend to become involved as a member of NDCSW. Students may access the NDCSW website at www.ndcsw.org for information on the organization and its committees. Scholarship recipients attend the fall conference late in September to receive their award. Deadline for submission of this scholarship is **April 30th 2010**. Applications can be mailed to Donelle Mogard, Box 2209, Ward County Social Services, Minot, ND 58701-2209 or can be sent by e-mail to donelle.mogard@co.ward.nd.us

Thank you for taking the time to consider this scholarship opportunity. We hope to hear from you in the future.



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**Scholarship Application
DEADLINE APRIL 30TH, 2010**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY AND STATE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

FIELD OF STUDY(S) _____

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS _____

May we contact your academic advisor or Department Chair? (Circle one) Yes NO

NAME _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

In 1000 words or less describe your interest in; 1) social welfare reform; 2) advocating for the underprivileged; 3) being a leader in social welfare issues; 4) why you would like to be a member of the NDCSW; 5) what benefits there are to membership in the NDCSW; 6) what committee you would like to serve on; and 7) how you would like to or intend to become involved as a member of NDCSW to serve the citizens of North Dakota. Information about the NDCSW can be found on their website at www.ndcsw.org

Please attach additional pages to complete your essay. Once completed mail or e-mail to Donelle Mogard, Ward County Social Services, PO Box 2209, Minot, ND 58702 or donelle.mogard@co.ward.nd.us