



## North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare, Inc.

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### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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. NDCSW has been instrumental throughout the years in spearheading legislation, serving as an advocate for the disadvantaged, and hosting programs and conferences for individuals and groups involved in social welfare issues. The Conference not only recognizes the emerging social needs of North Dakotans, but also advocates for many other needs of destitute citizens, returning veterans, displaced persons, institutionalized patients, and we support the goal of safety, permanence and well-being for all 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 NDCSW sponsors workshops, training sessions and large conferences for all segments of the social welfare system and has been instrumental in bringing allied professions together for joint conferences and workshops.

The Conference has had a long and exciting history. We are proud of our efforts in shaping the structure of the North Dakota social welfare system. The North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare has always been and will continue to be a powerful vehicle for citizens helping citizens.

#### 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
- Advocate for a high standard of social service programs for the citizenry of North Dakota.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the NDCSW selects up to one (1) graduate and eight (8) undergraduate students for up to a \$500 scholarship. 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 the NDCSW. Students may access the NDCSW website at [www.ndcsw.org](http://www.ndcsw.org) for information on the organization and its committees. Scholarship recipients will attend the fall conference late in September to receive their award. **Deadline for submission of this scholarship is April 30, 2009.**

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 Award Application Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your academic advisor or Department Chair? (circle one) YES NO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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.

(Please attach additional pages) Once completed, please mail or e-mail to Donelle Mogard, Ward CSSB, PO Box 2209, Minot, ND 58702 or [51mogd@nd.gov](mailto:51mogd@nd.gov).