Non-CPS Student Stipend Criteria: FY 2015-16

1. Complete stipend application

2. Receipt of a stipend requires a commitment to work in CPS in any region of Texas in an eligible Title IV-E position

3. A one-page reflection paper on, “Do I see myself in this setting...” will be turned in 24 hours after CPS site visit - at UTEP lab

4. Must obtain an abuse/neglect records, a criminal (yearly), and driving records check.
   - Must have access to a motor vehicle & show proof of insurance

5. Students must complete advanced practicum II in their last year of the MSW program within CPS unless other appropriate arrangements are deemed appropriate by the CWTC Practicum Coordinator

6. Agreement signing meeting will be held with the CPS Service Program and Regional Operations Support Administrator (SPA-ROSA) and CWTC staff

7. If hired by CPS, the student will need to complete the Child Protective Services Professional Development training (CPD) training as a CPS employee (13 weeks). CPD may be offered in any region in Texas.

8. Payback equals eight (8) months of employment for every semester that the stipend is paid
   - students may not exceed the total allowable amount of the stipend funds

9. Students who leave the Program, drop out of, or are terminated from the Stipend program or do not fulfill post graduation obligations, will be required to provide cash payback to DFPS immediately.
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11. Students are required to complete a DFPS job application during their last semester 60 days prior to graduation. CWTC students, who seek employment at CPS after enrolling in the Program (prior to graduation), may be hired according to existing DFPS hiring requirements. However, student will remain under the non-DFPS stipend agreement.

12. Students are required to attend each CWTC training offered unless they have received an excused absence in advance from the CWTC Practicum Coordinator.

13. Students agree to participate in ongoing and post-graduation evaluations of the program.