

CHILD WELFARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- » The purpose of the program is to train committed specialists in child welfare. Following graduation, child welfare specialists have worked as child welfare social workers, therapists working with maltreated children, program managers, community organizers and policymakers.
- » The Child Welfare Scholarships are awarded to approximately ten incoming students who are interested in becoming child welfare specialists. Some scholarships are targeted toward applicants who aged out of the foster care system and applicants wanting to work with urban and rural Native American children.

PROGRAM FUNDING

- » **Nonresident Student:**
\$10,000/semester (\$40,000 total)
- » **Resident Student:**
\$5,000/semester (\$20,000 total)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- » December 1 (early)
- » February 1 (priority)
- » March 1



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AMICIA GOMEZ-BOWMAN

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PRACTICE AREA

INTERPERSONAL PRACTICE

PRACTICE METHOD CONCENTRATION

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FAMILIES AND SOCIETY

FIELD PLACEMENT

FOSTERING FUTURES

Amicia Gomez-Bowman moves with purpose. She was influenced by her family dynamics to work with children. The Child Welfare Scholarship has been a huge contribution to her growth and pursuit of her MSW.

“The scholarship has shown me how resilient I am. My life could have been very different, and I could have gotten stuck. When you get up and don’t stop trying, you make things happen.”

Amicia sees through the difficulties children struggle with and believes much of that understanding comes from losing her mother at a very young age, and experiencing the love and support she received from her two guardians who cared for her and her five siblings after her mother’s death.

Her field placement with Fostering Futures provides experience with children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned and make sure they’re in a safe environment. She also has worked with the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good, to help students of color gain access to higher education. Her outstanding work doesn’t stop there. As a Horatio Alger scholar she volunteers as a field director, by contacting high schools to attend their college fairs and teach students about the general process of applying for a scholarship.

“When you do what you love and you do it well and do it with love, you gain success.”