

## Personal Statement

Compose a selfreflective essay that demonstrates your interest and suitability for the MSW Program and degree. To ensure impartiality in evaluation, do not include your name or names of particular agencies in the title, body, or at the end of your essay. Suggested length is 4 to 6 typewritten pages, double-spaced, 12-point font.

Include the following:

- Personal and professional values and/or beliefs that have led you to consider a graduate degree in social work
- Your special interests for a career in social work
- Experiences with people who are culturally, ethnically, or in other ways different from your own background
- Personal experiences which contribute to your choice of a social work career
- Professional and/or social service experiences which contribute to your choice of a social work career at the master's level

The Personal Statement will be uploaded into the Graduate School online application.