

**APPLICATION FOR THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR**

**1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name

(Last, First, M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**2. EDUCATION**

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Higher Education  
(if any) \_\_\_\_\_

# Credits Achieved \_\_\_\_\_

Other Specialized Training (Volunteer, Military, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. EMPLOYMENT**

What work experiences if any have you had that relate to Social Work? Be Specific.

**4. VOLUNTEER OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES**

What volunteer activities or community experiences if any have you had that relate to Social Work? Be specific.

**5. NASW Code of Ethics**

I am aware that the professional practice of social work (BSW and MSW degreed practitioners) is guided by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers. I have reviewed the Code (which can be accessed via the web at: <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp>) as part of my application for continuance in the social work major.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Address the following questions in a personal statement that is typed, double-spaced and approximately two to three pages in length. Attach the statement to this application.

Your statement should be a serious reflection on your thoughts and feelings about being a Social Work major. It will be considered carefully by the Social Work faculty as part of the application and admissions process.

1. Why do you want to be a Social Work major? What personal (family and friends), academic, work, volunteer and/or community experiences influenced this decision?
2. What social problems in our society are of concern to you? Why do you think these problems exist and how can social work contribute to their alleviation?
3. What qualities, attributes, skills do you possess that could be used to solve problems?
4. What strengths do you feel you possess that will assist you in your career as a social worker? What areas of growth have you identified that you will need to address in your work as a social worker?
5. How would you describe your experiences with human diversity? What do you consider your strengths as well as areas in need of further growth in relation to working with people whose class, gender, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical ability, developmental ability, or mental health status are different from your own?
6. Please identify any significant events you have experienced in your life that could influence your practice as a social worker, or that you feel you will need to address in your work as a social worker.

## **EVALUATION OF STATEMENT**

The following factors will be considered when we review your application for continuance in the major:

1. intellectual qualities and academic skills;
2. commitment to the enhancement of quality of life for individuals and families;
3. concern for issues of social justice and sensitivity to cultural diversity; and
4. capacity for self-awareness and self-evaluation.