

## **BSW Personal Statement Instructions**

Please provide thorough responses to the following questions on a separate Word document and upload this file to your application in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe PDF (.pdf) format. The Admissions Committee will use your essay to understand your interest in pursuing your bachelor's degree (BSW) in social work. You may use examples from your life, employment or volunteer experience to help illustrate and support your views and statements.

Your essay should be no more than 1-3 pages typed double-spaced. The essay will be evaluated by the content as well as the quality of your responses.

Complete the following questions in a separate essay

1. Please describe how social work is a "good fit" for you. What or who influenced your interest in the social work profession (i.e., family, friends, clergy, social worker, teacher, volunteer/work experiences, academic experiences, personal life experience, etc.)?
2. Please identify three strengths that you possess and describe how these strengths influence your decision to pursue social work as a career.
3. Describe what you consider to be one of the most pressing social problems facing our country today. What, in your opinion, causes this problem? What does the social work profession have to offer in order to find a solution to this problem?