

## **Personal Statement Instructions:**

In a separate word document of no more than 3 pages, please write a personal statement that includes the following:

- 1) A description of your understanding of social work and the important events or experiences in your life that have contributed to your decision to select social work as your major and your profession;
  
- 2) A brief example of a situation in which you had to make a difficult decision/judgment. What were your considerations in making this decision? What was the outcome? What would you change if you could do it again?; and,
  
- 3) A presentation of the characteristics that you would bring to the social work program. Specifically, identify three strengths that you bring to the program that may not be reflected in other areas of the application. Then, identify three challenges that you may encounter in this program and how you would address these.

In evaluating your answers, we will be looking for the following:

- Thoroughness and organization of your responses;
- An understanding of social work and evidence of emotional and professional readiness to enter the profession;
- Writing ability: Use of Standard English, clarity in presentation, and writing free of errors in grammar, style, and syntax.