



We ask that all applicants prepare narrative answers to the following five items. (Note that item 6 does not require a narrative answer. You should attach a resume to your statement.)

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

- Thoroughness and organization of your responses.
- Evidence of critical thinking and analysis.
- Evidence that your choice of social work is a thoughtful one based on reasonable knowledge of yourself and the profession.
- Standard English, clearly written, and free of errors in grammar, style and syntax.

The total length of your response to items 1 through 5 should not exceed six pages.

1. Describe your understanding of social work.
2. Describe the factors that have led you to choose social work as your profession.
3. Briefly describe a contemporary social problem of concern or interest to you. Why does this problem deserve public attention and resources? Recommend a course of action for social change.
4. Briefly describe a situation that presented you with an ethical challenge or that called for a difficult judgment on your part. What was the outcome of your decision, and what did you learn from the experience? (Please disguise the identities of people and organizations that may have been involved.)
5. (Answer this item only if it applies to you.) Are there any special circumstances that have affected your academic history and which should be considered by the Admissions Committee?
6. Attach a resume listing the following:
 - a. All paid positions you've held in social services work, listed chronologically from most to least recent, and including the position title, primary duties, dates held, and reason(s) for leaving
 - b. All paid positions you've held in fields other than the social services, listed chronologically from most to least recent, and including the position title, primary duties, dates held, and reason(s) for leaving.
 - c. Your volunteer experience, listed chronologically from most to least recent, and including the name of the organization, your role and primary duties, dates held and approximate hours per week during that period, and reason(s) for leaving.