



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION

Send the Application form and Supplementary Statement to:

Western Michigan University
College of Health and Human Services
School of Social Work
1903 West Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5354

PLEASE PRINT

Date WIN # (For current WMU students):

Name

Mailing Address

Current Daytime Telephone

Email Address

Checklist for Application Submission

- ☐ I have applied to or am currently attending WMU for the term I am seeking admission to the Social Work program.
- ☐ I have submitted ALL transcripts to WMU Admissions (Allow 30 days for WMU application to be processed).
- ☐ I understand SWRK 2100 (or equivalent) with a grade of "C" or better **must** be completed before applying.
- ☐ I understand my cumulative GPA must be a 2.5 minimum (All courses completed will be used to calculate GPA including transfer coursework).
- ☐ I understand that I must have 45 credits **completed** before applying.
- ☐ I am aware that I will receive notification via mail 8-10 weeks after the Social Work program application deadline.
- ☐ I have NOT included any additional material not required for this application (i.e.: letters of recommendation will not be considered).

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Signature

Date

- ❖ If you required confirmation of receipt for your application, you must submit your application packet via registered mail.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender Age: _____ Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Racial/ethnic group (optional): *The information requested below is optional and will not be used in the admissions process. It is collected to comply with state and federal requirements, as well as for statistical purposes. Your answer, or decision not to answer, will have no bearing on the School of Social Work's admission decision.*

☐ American Indian ☐ Hispanic/Chicano ☐ White
☐ African American/Black ☐ Multiracial (having parents of different races) ☐ Foreign (In U.S. on student visa)
☐ Asian or Pacific Island

☐ I am a United States citizen. State of legal residence: _____

☐ U.S. Permanent Resident:
Country of Citizenship _____

☐ Non-U.S. Citizen/International Applicant:
Country of Citizenship _____

Have you served in: Armed Forces _____ Yes Dates _____
Peace Corps _____ Yes Dates _____
Vista _____ Yes Dates _____
AmeriCorps _____ Yes Dates _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony)? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, an interview is required. A criminal conviction may impact your ability to obtain an internship, licensure, and future employment as a social worker.

EDUCATION: List in order all educational institutions attended **since** high school.

| Name and Location of Institution | Attendance Dates From Mo./Yr. To Mo./Yr. |
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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

This statement will be read and evaluated in determining applicant's admissions status. The statement must address all of the items below. Statements are limited to four to six pages in length, typed and double spaced, and attached to this form. Statements longer than six pages will not be reviewed and therefore will disqualify the application. Respond separately to each item below in the order presented.

a. Understanding of problems and concerns relative to social work

Describe your understanding of the social work profession and the problems social workers address by using one example to discuss a particular social problem and its relevance to the social work profession.

b. Understanding of diversity

Describe your personal philosophy and understanding of working with people different from yourself (e.g., race, ethnicity, socio-economic class, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, mental abilities, and physical abilities). Using one example, discuss a personal experience with someone who is different from you. Briefly describe your understanding of issues that may affect this individual.

c. Personal values

A key ethical principle in the NASW Code of Ethics (1999) states the following:

"Social workers respect the inherent dignity and worth of the person.

Social workers treat each person in a caring and respectful fashion, mindful of individual differences and cultural and ethnic diversity. Social workers promote clients' socially responsible self-determination. Social workers seek to enhance clients' capacity and opportunity to change and to address their own needs. Social workers are cognizant of their dual responsibility to clients and to the broader society. They seek to resolve conflicts between clients' interests and the broader society's interests in a socially responsible manner consistent with the values, ethical principles, and ethical standards of the profession" (p.5).

Briefly discuss how your personal values and beliefs coincide or conflict with this ethical principle. How will you resolve any conflicts between your personal values and the requirements of the profession?

d. Personal background factors and experience

Describe your personal background and experiences such as culture, family, and community, as well as recent or past personal experiences that have influenced you to choose social work as your major.

e. Personal attributes

Provide a statement about your personal qualities and attributes which you consider as most pertinent to undergraduate studies and/or social work practice. What limitations do you recognize that you need to work on in order to be successful in your undergraduate studies and in the professional practice of social work? How do you plan to address these limitations?

f. Work and life experience

Provide a statement detailing any community service engaged in after graduation from high school AND employment engaged in after high school. Community service activities refer to voluntary social service or civic-political activities within the community, such as involvement in civil liberties and civil rights. For employment please identify place of employment, job title, number of months employed, and full- or part-time status. If appropriate, please discuss how your employment is related to the field of social work.

g. Academic preparation

Describe previous learning in your undergraduate studies and how these will assist you in the BSW program. Describe to what extent you believe your final undergraduate grade point average accurately reflects your ability to obtain a BSW degree at Western Michigan University.

I hereby apply for admission to the School of Social Work at Western Michigan University, and certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the above and the attached statements are correct and complete.

Signature_____

Date_____