



# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

## UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION

### PLEASE PRINT

Last Name                      First Name                      Middle/Maiden Name

Home Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

Complete Local Address

Home Telephone                      Local Telephone                      E-Mail Address

### 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     Foreign (In U.S. on
- Asian or Pacific Island                      different races)                      student visa)

I am a United States citizen.    State of legal residents: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Permanent Resident:  
Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Non-U.S. Citizen/International Applicant:  
Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION** List in order all educational institutions attended **since** high school.  
 PROVIDE **(WITH THIS APPLICATION)** TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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

**CURRENT CURRICULUM**

Total Academic Hours Completed to Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Currently Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken, or are you currently taking, the following courses or their equivalents?

SWRK 210  Yes    SWRK 320  Yes    SWRK 350  Yes  
 SOC 283  Yes    SWRK 300  Yes

Anticipated graduation date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** (Volunteer Work, Leadership Service)

Name of Organization	Job Supervisor Job Description/Title	Beginning/Ending Dates (Month/Year)	Number of hrs/wk	<b>Total</b> hours volunteered

**EMPLOYMENT** (List any paid experiences **post high school**) (List full-time employment separate from part-time employment.)

Name of Organization	Supervisor Job Description	Beginning/Ending Dates (Month/Year)	Number of hours/wk

## SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

This statement will be read and evaluated as one criteria in determining applicant's admissions status. The statement must address **all** of the items below. Statements should be three to four pages long, typed and double spaced, and attached to this form. 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. 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 an 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 \_\_\_\_\_

03/06/06

**Send the Application form, Supplementary Statement, and all Transcripts to:  
School of Social Work  
Western Michigan University  
1903 W. Michigan Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5354**