



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

WIN _____

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 student visa)
- Asian or Pacific Island different races)

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	Total 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**