



We would like your candid assessment of the applicant to assist us in making our admission decision. Accepted applicants must have the intellectual abilities and emotional capacity to complete program requirements and to be successful social work practitioners. We appreciate your providing us with the following information to help us evaluate.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT

1. Approximately how long have you known the applicant?
2. How well do you feel you know the applicant? Casually / Well / Very Well
3. What was the nature of your contact(s) with the applicant?
Teacher (include number of class(es))
Academic Advisor
Supervisor
Field Instructor
Other (please explain)

Also included in your letter, please assess the applicant's achievement of, or potential in the following areas giving concrete examples as they apply to your relationship to the applicant.

Academic ability

- Ability to use technology
- Written communication (in English)
- Oral communication (in English)
- Abstract thinking skills
- Flexibility
- Ability to work with ambiguity
- Intellectual ability
- Critical thinking skills
- Consider diverse opinions
- Organizational skills

Relationship skills

- Empathy
- Problem solving skills
- Leadership
- Accepts constructive criticism well
- Displays sound judgment
- Conflict resolution skills
- Emotional maturity
- Self-awareness
- Ability to be nonjudgmental

Ethics/Values

- Reliability
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Commitment to social justice
- Ability to work with oppressed people
- Accepts the dignity and worth of every person
- Ability to promote professional Social Work values
- Cultural sensitivity
- Commitment to service

In summary, would you recommend this applicant:

Very Strongly / Strongly / With Some Reservations / Not at all

Please reflect your recommendation in your letter. Applicants **cannot be reviewed** until reference letters are received. Your prompt reply will assure that the applicant is reviewed in a timely fashion. These are the **deadline dates**:

January 10

- Advanced Standing Programs (East Lansing, Oakland, or Saginaw Campuses)
- Statewide Blended MSW Program
- Weekend MSW Program

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- Regular MSW programs (East Lansing, Flint and Weekend Campuses)