**Student Admission Essay Questions**

As part of your BASW Program Admission Application, please answer the questions below. This is a critical part of your application. Consider it your opportunity to communicate with the Admission Committee about yourself and your interest in social work.

Review your answers carefully and make sure that your answers fully communicate your interest in social work and reflections on your academic progress and motivation for the field.

Social Work is a writing intensive discipline and major. Make sure you edit your answers and that they reflect your skills as a writer. We will be evaluating your writing for potential success in the social work curriculum.

**IMPORTANT NOTES ON FORMAT**

Please answer all 5 questions in one document. Please note the length guidelines for each question. Please answer the questions in the order they are listed and use headings to separate your responses.

Begin that section of your paper with the question number you are answering. Use APA style for your essay (12pt font, 1-inch margins, double spaced).

When completed, you **MUST save your file as a PDF**. This is the only file format that can be uploaded. To do this in your word document, navigate to the file tab. Select “SAVE AS” once you select the location for your document to be saved, save file name **LASTNAME-Admit-Essay** and select the file type from the dropdown as **PDF.** The filename should now be LASTNAME-Admit-Essay.PDF

**5 Essay Question Prompts and Required Length**

1. What is your understanding of the social work profession and the structural and social problems social workers address? Define what social work as a profession means to you and give an example of a social issue/problem you are interested in and its relevance to the profession. (Length: 1-1.5 pages)
2. How did you become interested in social work? What personal experiences such as leadership opportunities, volunteer work, community involvement, social justice efforts, etc., have cultivated your interest in social work? How do these relate to your academic and career goals? (Length 1-1.5 pages)
3. How do you define racial and social justice and its relevance to social work? As a future social worker, what do you see as your role in promoting racial and social justice? How will your social identities influence your work in this area? (Length 1.5 -2 pages)
4. Tell us about a time when your personal values or beliefs were challenged. How did you navigate this challenge? What did you learn about yourself from this experience? Knowing what you know now, how would you handle a similar situation moving forward? (Length 1.5 – 2 pages)
5. Do you believe your current GPA accurately reflects your ability to successfully complete a BASW degree? Please explain your answer. What have been the strengths in your academic journey thus far? What limitations might you need to address to be successful in your undergraduate studies and work to become a professional social worker? (Length: As much space as needed)