



Mississippi Valley State University

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Master of Social Work Degree Program





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Application for Admission
Master of Social Work Degree Program

OFFICE USE ONLY

UG GPA _____

APPL# _____

Important: Print or Type (Black or Blue ink)

Name

Last First Middle Maiden

A. General information: please provide the requested information as indicated below.

- 1. Year and Semester: _____ (The regular full-time and the extended study programs begin fall semester. The advanced standing program begins spring semester.)
2. Program (select one): _____ Regular/Full Time _____ Extended Study _____ Advanced Standing
3. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
4. Birth Date: _____ Age: _____
5. Current Address: _____
6. Permanent Address: _____
7. Contact numbers: () _____ Home Telephone () _____ Office Telephone _____ E-Mail Address () _____ Cell Phone
8. Gender: _____ Female _____ Male
9. Race/Ethnicity: _____ Black/African American _____ Asian American
_____ White/Caucasian _____ Hispanic
_____ Alaskan Native _____ Foreign - Specify
_____ American Indian _____ Other - Specify
10. How did you learn about our program?
_____ Alumni _____ Faculty _____ Friends _____ Bulletin _____ Other - Specify

B. EDUCATION: List all colleges and universities previously attended and specify any degrees.

Name	City	Major	Degree	Dates Attended	Date Degree Received
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C. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: List any volunteer social work you have done.

Agency	City	Duties	Dates
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How many years of volunteer social work experience do you have? _____

The MSW Program does not grant social work course credit for life and work experience.

D. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: List employment you have held within the past five years beginning with the most recent. If unemployed, indicate activities/whereabouts.

Employer	City	Job Title and Duties	Dates
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Unemployed _____

How many years of paid social work experience do you have? _____

E. MILITARY SERVICE: If you have had active military service, indicate dates.

F. HONORS AND AWARDS: List awards, scholarships, honors, and offices.

G. PUBLICATIONS: List any publications, manuscripts, or major undergraduate papers you have written. You may submit a sample with this application. (This can be a term paper prepared for a course.)

H. PRIOR CONVICTIONS: Have you ever been convicted for any offense other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

I. FINANCIAL STATUS: Will you need financial aid?

Yes No

If yes, indicate sources where you will apply. _____

Indicate source, amount, and type (i.e., tuition, fees, living expenses) of any outside financial support that you already know you will receive. _____

NOTE: Acquiring funding for graduate study is the applicant's responsibility. The University does award a limited number of scholarships and assistantships for full-time study. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is available from the Financial Aid Office of the University. Address inquiries to the Financial Aid Office, Mississippi Valley State University, 14000 Highway, 82 West, Itta Bena, MS 38941-1400.

J. REFERENCES: List the names and addresses of the individuals you have asked to submit references for you.

NOTE: Three reference forms must be completed before your application can be reviewed. References constitute an essential part of the selection process. The people selected to provide reference information should be chosen with care and should include both academic and professional references if possible. They should be able to provide information regarding your ability, character, past academic and/or employment performance over an extended period of time, and potential for success in the practice of social work. Complete the top portion of the form before sending it to the person providing the reference.

K. PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT: A professional statement at least 2 pages must be submitted with this application. Please prepare your professional statement using points 1-3 in the outline below. The content and writing style will provide the Department with important information about you and about your understanding of the goals and values of the social work profession. Please type your statement, double-spaced on 8.5 x 11 inch paper, and with 12 inch font. Resume does not substitute for professional statement.

- 1. Motivation for social service, social work education, and a career in the profession. Explain why you want to pursue a professional social work education, your reasons for applying to this college, and your social service interests and career goals.**
- 2. Capacities for professional social work education. Comment on the nature and circumstance of any strengths and/or problems, including emotional or social, that might serve to enhance or limit your study.**
- 3. Major social concern. Briefly describe what you consider to be a major social issue and why you consider it an important issue.**

Signature

Date

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Reference Letter Form

(Prospective students should give this form to prospective referee after completing the top part of this form)

Name of Applicant _____ SSN# _____
(Type or Print)

Name of the Referee _____ Address _____
(Type or Print)

I hereby do ___ do not ___ waive my rights to review the completed report.

Student Signature

Date

Dear Referee:

The above student is applying for admission to the Department of Social Work graduate program. You have been selected as someone who will be helpful to us in evaluating the student's qualifications and suitability. A major concern of the Social Work faculty is to arrive at a decision that will serve the student's best interest as well as that of the social work profession. Therefore, we request your honest and useful comments that would help in determining the student's status for admission to the Department and career plan in social work.

All information you provide is used in compliance with the student's right to privacy, and is shared with Social Work faculty on a need-to-know basis.

After completion of this reference, please return to:
MSW Program Director
Department of Social Work
Mississippi Valley State University
14000 Highway 82 West, #7293
Itta Bena, MS 38941-1400

1. How long have you known the student, and in what capacity?

2. What do you consider to be the student's major strengths?

3. What do you consider to be the student's major weaknesses?

Please give your impressions of the student in the following areas:

- 4. **Maturity and Emotional Stability** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 5. **Willingness to Accept criticism** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 6. **Responsiveness to Instruction** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 7. **Leadership ability** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 8. **Productivity – Work Produced** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 9. **Resourceness/Creativity** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 10. **Sensitivity Towards Others** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 11. **Respects Differences in Others (i.e. Race, Class, Culture, Age)** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 12. **Verbal Expression** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 13. **Written Expression** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 14. **Concern and Commitment to Studies** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___
- 15. **Motivation and Enthusiasm for Knowledge** (1) Poor ___ (2) Average ___ (3) Good ___ (4) Outstanding ___ (5) Unable to Judge ___

Other Comments:

Summary Evaluation

___ I am unable to recommend this student for admission to the MSW Program.

___ I recommend this student, with reservation, for admission to the MSW Program.

___ I recommend this student for admission to the MSW Program.

___ I enthusiastically recommend this student for admission to the MSW Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

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