



**Department of Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work Program
Application for Admission**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____
Street City/State Zip Code

Dorm Bldg. _____ Room #: _____ Student Number: _____ GPA: _____

Cell PH #: _____ University Email Address: _____

Indicate Campus to which you are applying: _____ Main Campus _____ University Center

Students interested in declaring a Bachelor of Social Work major must: 1) complete this formal Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program Application for Admission; 2) Submit one letter of reference from a current/past employer, college-level instructor, academic advisor, etc. who can attest to your commitment to and readiness for professional education (references from family members or personal friends are unacceptable); and 3) Complete a typed-written, 1-2 page Personal Statement in APA format based on the items indicated below.

1. Discuss why you wish to enter the Social Work profession.
2. If you currently know, discuss what area of Social Work practice (i.e., probation, health, child welfare) appeals to you.
3. Discuss if there are certain populations with whom you would like to work (ages, specific problems, social economic classes, racial/ethnic group), and conversely if there is a specific population(s) you are not interested in pursuing.
4. Discuss why you selected the Social Work program at the University of Detroit Mercy.
5. Discuss what personal/professional obligations you have, if any that might potentially interfere with your education and ability to be academically successful.
6. Discuss in what way you think you would make a good Social Worker.
7. Indicate if you have ever been convicted of a felony, and if so, include a copy of your final Disposition Paperwork. In your Personal Statement explain the circumstances of the charge, what you learned as a result of this experience, and how your life is different today.

Return this Application and all supporting materials to: Dr. Janet Joiner, Chair, Department of Social Work - Room 313 Briggs Building - University of Detroit Mercy – 4001 W. McNichols Road - 48221

Note: Incomplete BSW Applications will not be considered for admission. The Department of Social Work will render a final admission decision within 30-60 days of receipt of a complete Application packet. The College of Liberal Arts and Education will notify all applicants of the final admission decision. It is to be understood that the BSW Program prepares students for entry-level generalist Social Work practice. Only students who have successfully completed pre-admission requirements can advance to upper level Social Work courses. The Department of Social Work reserves the right to engage in a personal interview with any applicant for whom additional information is needed.