

# The University of Alabama School of Social Work B.S.W. Program Application for Admission to the Professional Program

## Essay Instructions and Application Cover Page

If you checked all 10 items on the BSW Professional Program Application Checklist, or if your advisor indicated you should apply, follow the instructions here.

1. Provide the information requested in the box below.
2. Type three short essays and attach them to this cover page. **Do not put your name on the essays.** Each essay must be at least 350 words. In each essay, be sure to address each question.
  - a. **Essay I:** Why do you want to enter the professional program in social work? What experiences led you to think that social work is an appropriate career goal for you? What special circumstances, if any, should be considered by reviewers of your application?
  - b. **Essay II:** Identify a major social problem that interests you and discuss it. What do you think might be some of the causes of the problem? Imagine that you are a social worker and describe how you might intervene to address the problem. If you use sources for your essay, be sure to cite them according to APA style.
  - c. **Essay III:** What is the *NASW Code of Ethics* and what is its purpose? Discuss one of the principles or standards in the *Code of Ethics*, explaining how you would apply it as a social worker who works with clients.
3. Submit your application (this cover page, the checklist, and your essays) to Ms. Gwen Montgomery, 2810, Capital Hall.

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