

**The University of Alabama School of Social Work BSW Program
Application for Admission to the Professional Program**

**Essay Instructions and Application Cover
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If you have answered all the items on the list on the reverse side of this page, or if your advisor indicated you should apply, follow the instructions here.

1. Provide the information requested in the box below.
2. Write three short essays (**use a typewriter or computer and printer**) 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. **Essays will be evaluated for content and quality of writing.**
 - 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, 1029, Little Hall.

Name _____ CWID# _____

Local Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

List all colleges and universities, other than UA that you have attended _____

Signature _____

Date _____