

WAYNE STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Starting Spring/Summer term 2011, applicants for the Wayne State University (WSU) Master of Social Work (MSW) Degree Program complete one application. School and university policies governing each application process are in the current *University Graduate Bulletin* or are available from the School of Social Work Office of Admissions and Student Services, room 105 Thompson Home. **It is strongly recommended that all applicants attend an MSW informational meeting (schedule of MSW Informational Meetings enclosed) before applying.**

**Apply and submit all application material online at <http://gradapply.wayne.edu>**

### Application Checklist

- Graduate Admissions Application Information
- Non-refundable application fee
- Enrollment Status - Part-time or Full-Time
- Legal Issues – Criminal Background information
- Previous Application
- Non-Degree Coursework
- Emergency Contact
- Submit resume formatted using the School of Social Work's Guidelines for Preparation of a Personal Resume.
- Submit three references, using the reference forms indicated. See SSW application reference forms instructions for further details. Request references from three different sources such as employer/supervisor, volunteer/internship/fieldwork experience and from someone familiar with your academic performance (instructor/faculty advisor). Your current or most recent employer should be included even if this had been only a short-term work experience. If you are an MSW Advanced Standing Applicant, a reference from a field instructor and/or faculty advisor knowledgeable about your practicum performance would be an appropriate reference. **Family, intimate friends, Personal counselors/therapists, co workers (non-supervisor) are not appropriate references.**
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Program Membership
- Indicate status

**MSW Pre-Candidate Master's Advanced Standing Status:** Only those who hold a baccalaureate degree from a CSWE accredited program are eligible to apply for this program. Program begins Summer Term. Priority Processing Date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

**OR**

**MSW Core/Regular Status:** Only those who hold a baccalaureate degree in another

discipline besides Social Work are eligible to apply for this status. Program begins Fall Term. Priority Processing Date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

- Submit a Personal Interest Statement using the School of Social Work's Guidelines for Preparation of Personal Interest Statement.
- Official College Transcripts

Once completed, your file will be assigned to the Admission Review Committee for processing. The School of Social Work graduate admissions process is competitive. All applicants compete among the applicant pool of those with the same program status (Pre-Candidate Master's or Regular) for a specific academic year.

**DECISIONS:** Applicants whose complete applications have been received by the priority processing date will receive a decision within 30 days or less. Applicants whose complete applications are received after the priority date will be given full consideration, but will receive a decision within 30-60 days.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA:** For consideration, applicants must: (1) be admissible to the University Graduate School, hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, have a minimum honor point average of 2.75, and submit the official transcript(s) from all universities/colleges attended to the University Admissions-Graduate Division; (2) submit a complete application with all required documents; (3) have completed thirty (30) semester credits or forty-five (45) quarters credits in academic work distributed in the social and biological sciences, and in the humanities; (4) show evidence of suitability and fitness for the profession, compatibility with the Wayne State University School of Social Work's urban mission and values, and the ability to undertake successfully graduate-level professional education in social work. Applications for admission to the School of Social Work for the program leading to the Master of Social Work Degree are carefully reviewed so that those students who are selected best fulfill the requirements for professional education in this field. The responsibility for deciding whether a student shall or shall not be admitted rests with the school.

**Questions regarding completion of the WSU/MSW application should be directed to:**

**Office of Graduate Admission**

**Tel:** 313-577-GRAD (4723), **Fax:** 313-577-0131

**Address:** 5057 Woodward Suite 6000, Detroit, MI 48202

**Email:** [gradadmissions@wayne.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@wayne.edu)

**Web:** <http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu>

**To Apply:** <http://gradapply.wayne.edu>, **Application Status Check:**  
<http://appstatus.wayne.edu>

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