

GUIDELINES for BSW PERSONAL INTEREST STATEMENT

Your application to the Wayne State University BSW program requires a resume, transcripts and a 2-3 page, double spaced, typed Personal Interest Statement discussing your reasons for seeking professional social work education.

Please discuss each of the following questions in separate paragraphs. Label each paragraph with the corresponding number as listed below.

- 1. How do your life experiences influence your choice for social work education?
- 2. In choosing the social work profession, how do you see your strengths and weaknesses reflected in:
 - o your concern for social problems
 - o your relationships
 - o capacity to be self-critical
 - o your attitude toward people different from you in race, religion or culture
 - o your attitude toward ideas different from your own
 - your ability to work under pressure
- 3. Part of the mission of the School of Social Work is to provide innovative leadership and service to the urban community and the profession. How do you plan to use your education to do this?