



# WAYNE STATE

## School of Social Work

### **GUIDELINES for BSW PERSONAL INTEREST STATEMENT**

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

The statement should reveal your thinking about the qualifications needed for social work education and professional practice. Please discuss the following in your statement:

- How do your life experiences influence your potential for success in social work education?
- How do you plan to use your degree after graduation?
- In choosing the social work profession, how do you see your strengths and weaknesses reflected in:
  - your concern for social problems
  - your relationships
  - capacity to be self-critical
  - your attitudes toward people different from you in race, religion and culture
  - your attitudes toward ideas and attitudes different from your own
  - your ability to work under pressure.

What strategies will you utilize in order to meet the rigors and challenges of being a student in the Social Work program at Wayne State University?

- 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?