



School of Social Work  
Challenging Minds, Leading Change, Transforming Lives

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

**It is strongly recommended that all applicants attend a MSW informational meeting before applying. Apply before January 1, 2017 with no application fee.**

An application fee of \$50 will be required for applications submitted on and after January 1, 2017. Students need only pay the fee once per calendar year regardless of the number of graduate applications they submit. The Graduate School will offer several categories of admissions fee waivers including a) need-based, b) service-based (e.g., military service/veterans, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps), c) training-based (e.g., McNair, BUILD, Gates Millennial Scholars), and d) loyalty-based (i.e., WSU current students and alumni) waivers.

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

The 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 located at 5447 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48202.

### Application Checklist

- Graduate Admissions Application Information
- Legal Issues – Criminal background information
- Enrollment status – Part Time or Full Time
- Non-Degree Coursework
- Submit resume formatted using the School of Social Work's Guidelines for Preparation of a Personal Resume.
- Submit three references using link provide within the online application: 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/supervisor). 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), colleagues or associates are not appropriate references.**
- Submit an Admission Statement using the School of Social Work's Guidelines for Preparation of The Admission Statement.
- Transcripts from all schools and colleges attended

**All applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible as admissions will close once program capacity has been reached.** Applications may be submitted up to one year prior to the start of

the beginning term of the program. Thus, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply and submit all application materials as early as possible. Earlier admission is best for scholarship eligibility, field placement and course section availability. All students admitted to the MSW program must attend a mandatory orientation.

**MSW - Pre-Candidate Master with Advanced Standing Status:** Only students who hold a baccalaureate degree of Social Work from a CSWE accredited program are eligible to apply for this status. **Program begins Summer Term.** Applicants applying to the advanced standing program must have a B.S.W. degree that was awarded five years or less from their admission to the advanced standing program. Those with a B.S.W. degree older than five years may apply to the core program. **All application materials must be submitted by the application deadline of March 1.**

**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.**  
**All application materials must be submitted by the application deadline of April 1.**

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.

**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) Applicants must complete 30 semester credits in academic work, distributed in the social and biological sciences and in the humanities; (4) demonstrate suitability and fitness for the profession and the ability to undertake successfully graduate 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 Enrollment Services**

5057 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202

phone: 313-577-GRAD (4723) or fax: 313-577-0131, **Email:** [domesticgrad@wayne.edu](mailto:domesticgrad@wayne.edu) and

[internationalgrad@wayne.edu](mailto:internationalgrad@wayne.edu), **Web:** <http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu> **To Apply:**

<http://gradapply.wayne.edu>, **Application Status Check:** <http://admissions.wayne.edu/checkstatus.php>

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