APPLICATION TO THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR
The admission process provides an opportunity for the student who wishes to become a social work major to consider thoughtfully and consciously the factors that point in that direction. It provides the faculty with a formal opportunity to talk with the student about the nature of the student's interests and readiness and to plan for the remainder of the student's individual program.

Application may be made any time after completion of Intro to Social Work (SW101) and Field Experience (102) and before enrolling in Practice III (401). An essay (see section 11 of this application) is required as part of the application. Please respond to all items below. Please type your responses in an electronic or hard copy version of this application (You can delete unnecessary lines and spaces.) and return a hard copy to the Social Work Program Director. Interviews with program faculty will then be scheduled.

NAME:  ____________________________________________________________________________________________

1. Year:  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  (circle one)

2. Semester in which Intro to Social Work (101) was completed: __________
   Grade: Intro to Social Work (101) ______

3. Year of Field Experience (102) Term/year: ________  January/Summer (circle one)
   Agency and town: ________________________________
   Supervisor: ______________________________________

4. List other required courses for the social work major completed and the letter grade.
   Course: ___________________________________________  Grade: _____
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5. List and describe any volunteer or paid experience you have had that you found relevant to social work and describe how it has influenced your interest.

6. Briefly describe your motives for considering the social work major and why you are choosing social work instead of another avenue for working with people.
7. What **strengths** (personal qualities, assets, motivations, skills, etc.) and **challenges** (personal liabilities, biases, prejudices, vulnerabilities, etc.) do you bring to social work tasks?

8. Describe other activities that you’ve done in the community or on campus that relate to efforts at organizational or community change. (e.g. voting, student government, political activities such as working or volunteering for a candidate, fund raising for Habitat, etc.)

9. If you have identified an area, or areas, of social work activity or clientele with whom you would like to work, please describe and indicate reasons for your interests.

10. Please identify and describe any personal issues (such as learning or physical disabilities, substance abuse, emotional problems, mental illness etc.), either past or present, that might impact you as a practicing social worker. Also, please identify your present and future plans for dealing with these issues as a practitioner. While you are not required to share this information, the Social Work Program uses this information to provide reasonable accommodations and supports to students on both a personal and professional level.

11. **Essay for Application to Social Work Major**

Attach a separate sheet(s) for answering the following items. (Use no more than three double-spaced pages.)

A. Describe two or three especially formative episodes in your life and indicate how they have influenced your career choice.

B. Describe your experiences with giving and receiving help.

C. Reflecting on your Field Experience (102),
   - what have you learned about social work?
   - what have you learned about yourself?

D. How are your values related to values of the social work profession? Describe potential value conflict(s) you think might occur for you in social work practice.

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