

Jackson State University
School of Social Work
Master of Social Work Program

Application for Admission
Forms

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
M.S.W. PROGRAM***

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please check this list to make sure you have submitted the materials, and/or arranged for the proper source to **upload the materials to AdmissionsPro. Email materials WILL NOT be accepted.**

- Three completed recommendations (letters) from instructors, employers or supervisors, and/or professional colleagues. ***One recommendation letter must be from a former instructor, if you graduated within the past 5 years. If you graduated more than five years ago, you may obtain a letter from another employer, supervisor, or professional colleague. ALL LETTERS MUST BE ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD and SIGNED.***
- Personal Statement (please following the writing prompts and edit the document)
- Copy of Current Resume'
- Signature Form (Ethics)
- M.S.W. Program First-Year Field Instruction Application
- Immunization requirements (see last page)

Upload documents to: <https://mygradschool.jsums.edu>

If you have any inquiries related to M.S.W. Program, please call (601-979-8896)

***Important: The MSW Program is not located on the same campus as the Division of Graduate Studies. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL OR EMAIL MATERIALS TO THE M.S.W. PROGRAM.**

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Guidelines for Preparing the Personal Statement

This statement must be included in your application for admission. The personal statement should be a carefully prepared **(PROOFED)** document that is double-spaced and typewritten. Please place your name at the top right hand margin on each page and number pages at the bottom center. The personal statement should be a minimum of five (5) pages.

The personal statement should address the following:

1. Describe in detail your understanding of social work as a profession. How did your interest in social work develop and what factors influenced your decision to seek graduate social work education at Jackson State University?
2. Describe your special interests and career goals. If you have worked or trained in another field, why are you now considering a career change?
3. How have your life experiences, career experiences, economic, ethnic, racial, spiritual and/or other diverse experiences contributed to your desire and capacity to practice social work?
4. Describe the intellectual and personal qualifications that will enable you to practice social work successfully. What limitations do you see in your work experiences, attributes and skills that would need to be addressed to practice social work?
5. How will you balance outside responsibilities with academic responsibilities?
6. *If you have any special circumstances that require an explanation or that may hinder you in working with a particular population (e.g., failing grades, low GPA, personal circumstances), please do so.

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FIRST YEAR GRADUATE FIELD INSTRUCTION APPLICATION**

Date _____

Section 1

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____

(Last Name) (First) (Middle)

(Other names by which you may be listed or prefer)

Phone Numbers: _____
(Home) (Work)

(Cellular) (Fax) (E-mail Address)

(Present Address) (Street and Apartment Number, if applicable) (Until When)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Permanent Address) (Street and Apartment Number, if applicable)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Place of Birth) (Date of Birth: Month, Day, Year)

Optional Questions*

- Race:
- African American
 - American Hispanic
 - American Indian
 - American White, Not Hispanic
 - Asian American
 - Other

- Marital Status:
- Married
 - Single
 - Divorced
 - Widow/Widower

- Gender:
- Male
 - Female

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Number of Dependents: _____

*Optional: You are not required to answer these questions; however, an answer will be appreciated.

Section II

Present Employment, if any _____

Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Will you be employed while in graduate school? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Full-time _____ Part-time _____

(Note: Full-time employment is strongly discouraged for full-time students; success as a full-time student requires significant time and effort.)

Will you be enrolled full-time or part-time? Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Do you have transportation? Yes _____ No _____
(Some agencies require that you have an automobile.)

If yes, do you have automobile insurance? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any disability or health problems that will require special accommodations?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain. _____

Section III

Describe briefly your paid social work experience:

Describe briefly your volunteer services:

What are your areas of interest in social work and why?

What attributes do you have which should be considered in the selection of your field internship?

List your first, second, and third preferences of fields of practice.

- Adoption and Foster Care
- Services to families and Children
- Medical Setting
- Retardation Services
- Rehabilitation Services
- State Department of Human Services
- State Department of Health
- Mental Health (Inpatient and Outpatient Substance Abuse)
- Education Setting (Public Day Schools, Private Boarding Schools)

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SIGNATURE FORM

Please sign and return this form with your application packet.
Before signing, please click the link below and read the National
Association of Social Work's Code of Ethics

I certify that the answers to all questions and other information contained in these application documents are true and complete. I understand that misrepresentation or, false information given as part of this application may be cause for canceling further consideration for admission to the M.S.W. Program at Jackson State University. I also understand that all credentials and documents that I submit become the property of Jackson State University. Additionally, I have read the National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics (<https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English>) and agree to uphold the standards of the profession as a student and practitioner. I understand that failing to uphold the Code of Ethics as a student can cause me to be removed from M.S.W. Program at Jackson State University.

Signature (required)

Date

Print Name

Immunization Requirements:

<https://www.jsums.edu/healthservices/immunization-requirements/>

All students admitted to Jackson State University are required to submit proof of having received two immunization shots for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) in order to complete registration for classes.

If an applicant has already been admitted and plans to attend the University as a first time student (undergraduate, graduate or transfer), he/she must submit a copy of the required immunization record to the University Health Center prior to registration for courses.

Students who have been admitted but do not submit the required immunization verification will be unable to complete registration for classes in the school's computer enrollment system. Please see further immunization information at the link provided.

***JSU Online students are exempt from this requirement.**