



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

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Department of Social Sciences

2021-2022 Academic Year

BSW Program

Application Forms

APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Please check off each item as you complete it and fill in the blanks with the appropriate information requested. Application to the BSW program is a self-managed process and it is your responsibility to see that all of the materials listed below are sent together in the same envelope. Your signature on this checklist acknowledges your understanding that if all parts of the application are not complete or included, your application may not be processed.

Once you have completed this checklist, please submit it along with the rest of the application.

_____ Checklist with requested materials attached

_____ Application Form

_____ Self Disclosure Statement Regarding Arrests or Convictions

_____ Personal Narrative

_____ Value Statement

_____ Petition for Exceptional Consideration [if applicable]

Three (3) Letters of Recommendation [See specifications under "Assembling your application"]
Names of Referees:

_____ 1) _____

_____ 2) _____

_____ 3) _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

**COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BSW PROGRAM
OFFICE (N312 Allgood Hall) BY Friday, March 12, 2021 4:00pm**

C. _____

D. _____

9. List all social work courses you have completed and/or in which you are currently enrolled:

COMPLETED:

CURRENTLY ENROLLED:

10. Please tell us how you first learned of the AUGUSTABSW program:

17. Please refer to the enclosed sheets which provide you with a guide for preparing your Personal Narrative and Values Statement. Your application is not complete without all the required documentation including the Self Disclosure Statement regarding arrest or convictions on a sex offense and the reference letters.

Signature _____ Date _____

The applicant is responsible for submitting ALL reference forms and other documents necessary for Admissions review.

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**Self-Disclosure Statement Regarding Arrests, Charges, and
Convictions on Felony or Serious Traffic Violations**

This form must be completed and included by EVERY applicant.

1. Have you ever been arrested for a sex offense against a child or children? Yes No
If yes, when and where? _____

Were you convicted on these charges? Yes No

Comments: _____

2. Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony or serious traffic violation such as reckless driving or driving while intoxicated?

Yes No

Comments: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Failure to disclose criminal background is grounds for dismissal from the program. If a student has a criminal history or other previous professional/legal challenges, he or she must discuss these circumstances with the campus Program Director and/or field coordinator as these challenges may impact eligibility for malpractice insurance and field placement, employment, as well as his or her future licensure. Consult the BSW Student Handbook for more information.

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BSW APPLICATION PERSONAL NARRATIVE COVER SHEET

Prepare a personal narrative 3-5 pages in length. In some detail and in your own style, respond to ALL the items listed below. This Personal Narrative is a critical part of your application folder. Consider it your opportunity to communicate with the BSW Admissions Committee about yourself. Review your statement carefully to be certain it will give the committee members a clear picture of your interest and suitability for professional social work. Please utilize appropriate grammar and formatting for the paper and cite sources, particularly in discussing your selected current issue.

1. Explain the reasons for your interest in social work. Elaborate on both personal and societal factors which have influenced your decision to pursue social work as a profession.
2. Discuss and analyze two events of significance in your growth and development.
3. Historically, social work has concerned itself with advocating for populations at risk, specifically those discriminated against because of socio-economic status, race, gender, sexual orientation, political orientation, and physical and mental ability. A dominant theme of professional preparation is attention to these oppressed populations. Select **one** of the above mentioned populations and (a) reflect on a relevant personal experience you have had with your selected population, (b) discuss one major societal oppressive situation which most likely affects this group, and (c) describe a possible solution for alleviating this oppression at the community, state, and/or national level.
4. List what particular aspect or fields of social work are of interest to you.
5. Discuss your personal strengths and limitations for the practice of social work.
6. Below you will find some of the current issues that social work practitioners are faced with in their professional practice every day. Select **one**, then describe and analyze the current state of the issue.
 1. Immigration
 2. Health care reform
 3. Prescription drug abuse
 4. Rights and protections for the LGBTQ+ community.
7. Feel free to share any additional information you think is relevant to your application to the BSW program.

Please sign, date, and attach this cover sheet to your narrative.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

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BSW APPLICATION VALUE STATEMENT COVER SHEET

The Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) states:
The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective:

- service
- social justice
- dignity and worth of the person
- importance of human relationship
- integrity
- competence

After reviewing the NASW Code of Ethics (<http://www.naswdc.org/>) select one of the above mentioned values, explain the value, and discuss the significance this value holds for you.

Please type your statement on a separate sheet of paper. Sign below and attach this cover sheet to your statement.

I have selected: _____

I understand that if accepted into the BSW program, I am expected to adhere to the values, ethics, and standards of the social work profession.

Name (printed) _____ Date _____

Signature _____

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Request for Reference
Request for Reference (Page 1 out of 2)

DEAR REFEREE, _____,
(Applicant, please, print the name of the person completing this recommendation form)

You have been selected to complete the following recommendation form for _____.
(Applicant, please print your name)

Your candid assessment of the applicant will greatly assist the Admissions Committee in determining whether the candidate should be admitted to the baccalaureate social work program. When finished, please seal this reference form in a business size envelope and sign across the sealed flap. Then **RETURN IT TO THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM OFFICE** at the following address:

BSW Admissions Committee
Department of Social Work
N312 Allgood Hall- Augusta University Summerville Campus
1120 15th Street
Augusta, GA 30912

Please send this form to the Admissions Committee by March 12, 2021.

SUMMARY EVALUATION:

Using the chart below, please rate the applicant relative to others whom you have known in a similar capacity.

	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
Intellectual potential						
Ability to work with others						
Emotional stability						
Sense of responsibility						
Communication skills: Oral						
Communication skills: Written						
Ability to analyze a problem and formulate a solution						
Motivation for proposed study in social work						
Concern with social issues						
Demonstrated commitment to work on behalf of oppressed populations						

How long and in what capacities have you known the applicant?

In a separate letter, we request a statement from you concerning the applicant's scholarship, critical thinking skills, personality, character, and professional promise. Please include in the statement an assessment of strengths and deficits. Please comment on your view of the applicant's philosophical congruence with the values and ethics of social work, if applicable. Please add any additional information that you deem critical for the assessment of this candidate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please indicate the strength of your overall recommendation by checking one category below:

- Yes, I highly recommend for admission
- Yes, I recommend
- Yes, I recommend with reservation
- No, I do not recommend for admission

Name (please print): _____ Date _____

Signature: _____

Title/Position: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Degree: _____

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Petition for Exceptional Consideration

An applicant who believes that their individual circumstance warrants exceptional consideration must petition the BSW Admissions Committee for a waiver of the minimum admissions requirements. Such requirements include earning a B or better in SOWK1101, SOWK2100, and SOWK2102 and a 2.5 overall GPA.

The waiver should be submitted by the applicant in the form of a statement entitled “Petition for Exceptional Consideration” and be attached to this completed cover sheet. The petition should include a statement indicating how the minimum admission requirements do not provide the applicant a fair and adequate opportunity to present themselves in a favorable light. The applicant should briefly discuss how they have indeed demonstrated a capacity for successful achievement in a rigorous BSW program. For example, an applicant might provide evidence of superior grades during the most recent semesters indicating a trend toward improved performance.

The applicant should also discuss how, if granted admission to the BSW program, she or he plans to address potential obstacles to successfully complete the program. For example, if a low grade point average was viewed as the result of personal circumstances, the applicant should discuss why those circumstances are not likely to be a factor during her or his BSW study.

Finally, the applicant should attest to the accuracy of all information provided in the petition, date and sign this cover sheet. The petition must be submitted with the application packet.

Name (print)

Signature

Date