



Statement of Purpose

Please answer one of the following questions in approximately 1000-1200 words, double-spaced, Arial font and add your first/last name on the statement (header or footer):

- Describe a social problem of concern to you and discuss how you might address this problem as a BSW prepared social worker.
- Social workers practice with diverse groups. What groups may challenge you because of either your personal values, attitudes, and/or experience and how will you handle this?

Resume

Include places of employment and volunteer experiences that you have had in the last 2 years, dates of employment or volunteer experience, job title or position held, description of job responsibilities

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of reference. The reference letters should provide information regarding your achievements, communication skills, maturity, stability, dedication and why the individual is recommending you for the program. One letter must be an academic faculty or instructor. References from family, friends or friends of family are NOT accepted. References must have the writer's name, phone number and US mailing address

References are required from:

1. Academic recommendation from college/university professor
2. Employer or Volunteer Supervisor that can attest to your work ethic. (letters may be sent to BSWKENT@louisville.edu – must have contact information/phone number or to the US mailing address below)

Secondary Application Form

Release waiver, statement of authenticity and ethical standards of behavior form should be completed and can be found at: <http://www.louisville.edu/kent> under BSW Admissions. If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony, please include a description of the circumstances and outcomes of the conviction as separate addendum to your personal statement. *(Please note: Prior convictions for criminal offenses may preclude one's ability to be licensed as a social worker in many states. In addition, many practicum sites require background checks and periodic drug screenings. Any negative findings that affect agency placement may also prevent successful completion of the requirements for the degree. Applicants should consider these barriers in their educational planning. The applicant may contact the Kentucky Board of Social Work at 502.564.2350 to inquire about whether his or her particular circumstances warrant concern regarding future licensing.)* *If you have been dismissed from another college/school please address this issue in an addendum to your personal statement. Please note: If there are gaps or deficiencies in your academic record, please address these in an addendum to your statement or purpose.

Transcripts

If you are a current University of Louisville student, the school will have access to your transcript information. If you are a transfer student, please email to bswkent@louisville.edu or submit with your Kent School application materials (above) an unofficial copy of your latest transcript that shows your grades and your latest cumulative GPA following the last full semester. Please submit a transcript for all colleges attended. Official transcripts need to be submitted with your application.

University of Louisville
Office of Admissions
Email: admitme@louisville.edu
Phone: 502.852.6531
1.800.334.8635 ext. 6531

If you are not a current UofL student you will need to apply to the University of Louisville, while concurrently applying to the Kent School of Social Work, BSW Program Professional (Upper) Division.

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www.louisville.edu/kent
(submit all items directly to the Kent School)
Application Deadline: February 1 for the following Fall semester.
Please contact the department for approval to apply late.