



Pre-Admissions Sonia Form:

Please submit a Pre-Admissions Sonia Form at: <https://louisville.edu/kent/admissions-1/bsw-admissions>. Please note: once you submit the Pre-Admissions Sonia Form a link will be sent to you to apply via Sonia Software.



Statement of Purpose:

Please answer one of the following questions in approximately 1000-1200 words.

- 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?



Work Experience:

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 (not advisor)
2. Employer or Volunteer Supervisor that can attest to your work ethic



Secondary Application Form:

Release waiver, statement of authenticity and ethical standards of behavior form will be completed on Sonia Application software. 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.

***All application items above will need to be submitted through the "Sonia BSW Upper Division Application" via louisville.edu/kent/admissions-1/bsw-admissions**

It is preferred that students who are applying for the Upper Division have completed a majority of their Cardinal Core general education requirements and the BSW supporting requirements, including the following Social Work courses (or their equivalents):

- SW 201 Introduction to Social Work (3 hours)
- SW 203 Human Biology for the Social Sciences (3 hours)
- SW 204 Introduction to Social Statistics (3 hours)

**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.

**Kent School of Social Work
BSW Program
Phone: 502.852.5656
1.800.334.8635 ext. 5656
www.louisville.edu/kent**

All Upper Division application materials above will need to be submitted through the Sonia admissions link <https://louisville.edu/kent/admissions-1/bsw-admissions>
Application deadline: Priority Deadline: February 1, final deadline May 15th for the following Fall semester. Transfer students new to UofL will be accepted after May 15th on a case-by-case basis, please contact the BSW Department for approval to apply late: BSWKent@louisville.edu