

INDIANA STATE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Statement of Purpose

We invite you to express the details of your interest in and commitment to the social work profession through a written statement of purpose. In your statement of purpose please address the following:

- a) Describe a social problem. Assuming you have the power and resources at your disposal, what would you recommend for intervention and/or social change to address this social problem?
- b) Describe how your personal and intellectual qualifications, past human service experience, and/or future goals are relevant to assisting the most economically and socially disadvantaged groups in our society. Please provide specific examples.
- c) Recount an ethical dilemma you have had in your personal, professional, or volunteer experience. Discuss your decision-making process and the factors that contributed to the ultimate outcome. Please protect confidentiality and do NOT reveal the names of people or organizations.

The format of the statement of purpose should be 4-6 double-spaced Times New Roman 12-point font. Demonstrate professional writing skills and correct APA formatting.

For a guide on APA formatting, use the link below:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html

The Statement of Purpose should be uploaded to your application status page at apply.indstate.edu/status.