**St. Edward’s University**

**Social Work Program**

**Application for Admission**

**Instructions to Student:**

**To be a social work major at St. Edward’s University, students must complete an application process for admission to the program. The process includes completion of this application, an interview with a social work faculty member and maintaining an overall GPA of 2.25 or better (see Undergraduate Bulletin). Students must have completed the Introduction to Social Work course (SOCW 1301) and 40 hours of volunteer work. Transfer students with an associate’s degree must complete the process the summer before entering the junior year at St. Edward’s. All other students must complete the process prior to taking SOCW 3331, Human Behavior and the Social Environment I.**

**Formal evaluation of your ability to work with people and of your potential for a career in social work will be done through a reference from your volunteer agency supervisor, the faculty’s assessment of you through the interview process (see attached form) and this application. Be sure to attach your official transcript highlighting completion of SOCW 1301 and documenting a GPA of 2.25 or better. By completing this application, I give permission for the social work faculty and program to access information as specified in this document.**

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE):**

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**St. Edward’s Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Note: This email address is the official one for the university and will be used for all correspondence from faculty.**

**Emergency Contact:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name Relationship Phone**

**Check the category or fill in the spaces as they apply to you:**

**Student ID #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Full time student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Part time student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Semester/year entered SEU:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Undergraduate College\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ New College\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If you are a transfer student, from school(s) are you transferring credit?**

**Current # of credit hours earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Attach and highlight transcript)**

**Plans to attend graduate school: Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Unsure at this time\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you literate in more than one language? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If so, what languages?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Will you be employed while you earn your degree? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, will you work more than 20 hours per week? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The next series of questions will ask that you share volunteer and work experiences related to social work, significant events and people that influenced your beliefs and values, and career plans and interests after completion of the BSW degree. Please answer in paragraph form separate sheets of paper as needed.**

1. **Discuss your major reasons for seeking a degree in social work. Discuss life events or experiences that have contributed to your interest in the profession. You may wish to refer to family background and circumstances, work or volunteer experiences; experiences as a consumer of social services provided by a social worker or other helping professional; influence of teachers and/or the educational system; talents or skills, etc. Be sure to explain why social work is your choice over other helping professions.**
2. **Discuss your volunteer work completed as part of the requirements for admission to the social work program. What successes did you experience? What frustrations? What was most appealing to you about being in the role of helper? What did you learn about yourself? What social work knowledge did you learn as a result of this experience?**
3. **What do you see as your strengths and limitations relative to a career in social work?**
4. **What plans do you have for post BSW work or education? Where do you see yourself in five years?**

**The next series of questions will ask about your values and those of the social work profession. You will also describe particular social issues and/or problems that is of interest to you. A self-assessment will be done using the attached form and you will describe your plans for growth while completing the social work program.**

1. **Discuss a social issue of particular interest to you. What, in your opinion, causes this problem? Describe how you believe our society should address this issue and how you might contribute to its resolution.**
2. **Compare your personal value system with that of the NASW Code of Ethics. Discuss any conflicts between personal and professional values and describe where the two are in concert with one another. How might you resolve any differences in personal and professional values?**
3. **Based on your self-assessment, identify at least three areas of needed professional growth and your plan for improving in these areas. Be specific in your plans.**