

**TWU Division of Social Work  
Master of Social Work Program Application Form**

Full Name (legal and preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying as a Generalist (you do not have a qualifying Bachelor's degree in Social Work), or Advanced Standing (you have a qualifying Bachelor's degree in Social Work)? Additionally, are you apply as a full-time or part-time Student?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full time Generalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Full time Advanced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part time Generalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Part time Advanced |

**Criminal Background**

Applicants need to be aware that employment in most Social Work fields of practice and most employment agencies require criminal background checks. Past convictions do not necessarily preclude admissions to the TWU MSW program; however, they may impact availability of required field placements and future employability.

It is also important to note that social work education prepares students for licensure and professional practice. The Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners application for licensure and other states' applications require disclosure and evaluation of criminal background. Applicants have a responsibility to investigate how this information may apply to their circumstances. (Find more information here: <https://bhec.texas.gov/forms-and-publications/index.html>)

By entering your name below, you are acknowledging that you fully understand this information and how it may directly impact you as an MSW student at TWU and a future social work professional.

Acknowledgement: \_\_\_\_\_

**Master's Thesis Option**

As part of your studies, you have the option to complete a Master's Thesis, which is equivalent to a 3-credit course titled "Integrated Seminar." If you choose to write the thesis, you will not need to take the seminar. Since writing a thesis can take at least two semesters, we aim to offer early support to help you succeed. Please indicate below if you are interested in pursuing the thesis option.

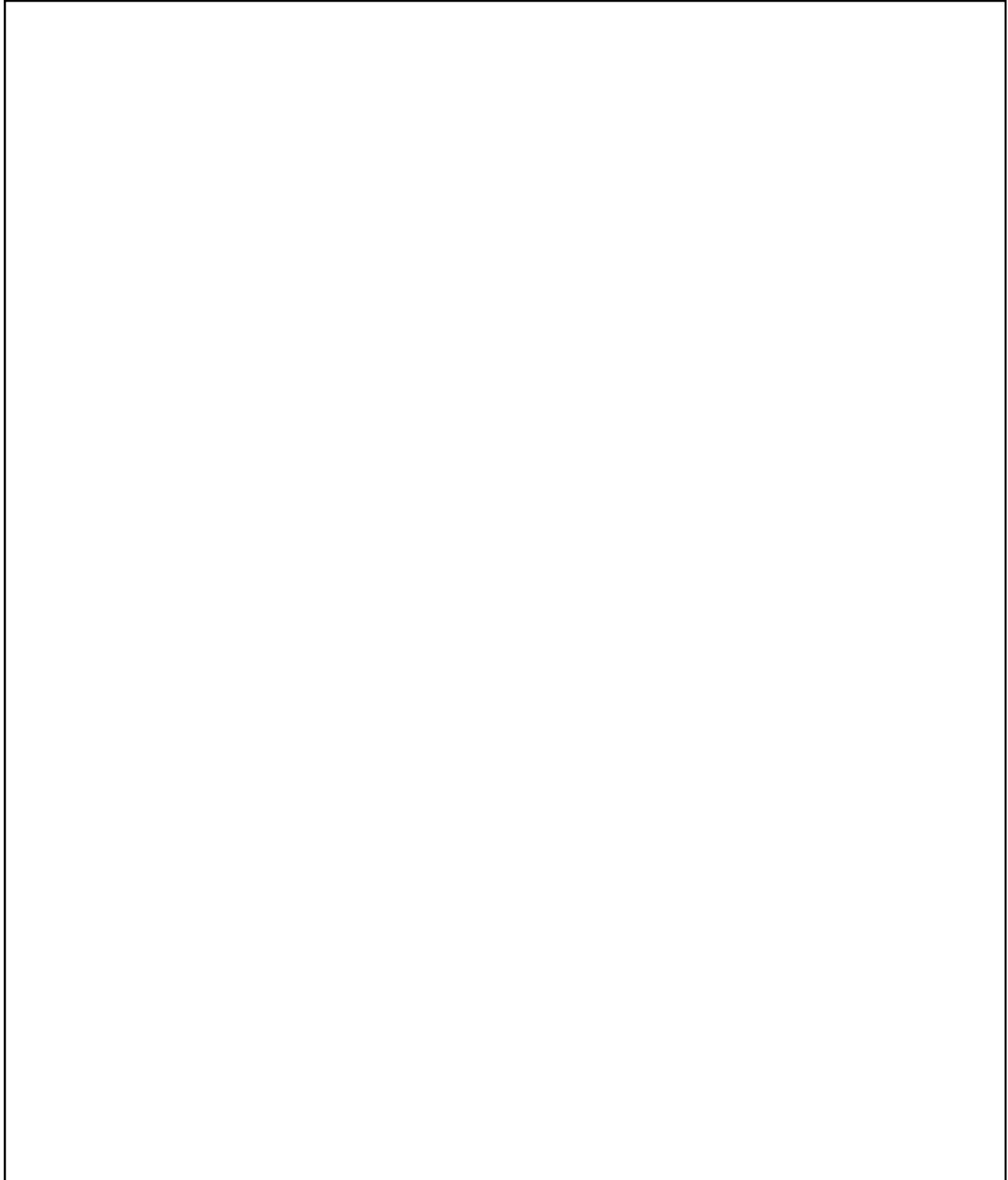
- Interested
- Not interested

**Personal Essays**

**Important note for applicants:** Your essays will be assessed on both the content (completeness, depth of thought, clarity of expression) and format (grammar, punctuation, spelling, neatness). Applicants are encouraged to write these in a word processor (Microsoft Word, Google Docs, etc.) and review them well before submitting

here. This is your opportunity to demonstrate competent writing skills and professionalism. Each essay has a 500-word limit.

1. Please describe your interest and professional goals in pursuing a Master of Social Work degree. Describe any experiences that have influenced your decision, as well as your strengths and areas of growth that you will bring to your study. (500 word limit)

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2. Reflect on how your prior academic, professional, and/or life experiences have prepared you for graduate study in social work. Discuss the areas of social work practice that most interest you and how earning an MSW will help you achieve your goals. Finally, consider the demands of the program, including coursework, field internship, and out-of-class study time, and describe how you plan to balance these responsibilities while maintaining personal well-being and self-care. (500-word limit)

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3. Discuss your views on the importance of diversity (in all forms, i.e. not limited to cultural diversity, but open to include all aspects of diverse identities) in social work practice. Examine experiences that you have had with diverse populations and how these have influenced your attitudes and biases. (500-word limit)

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**Attestation and Completion**

This section confirms your acknowledgement that your application is truthful and complete to the fullest of your ability.

By signing below, I affirm that the information provided in this application for admission to the TWU MSW program, and any attachments hereto, are true and complete. I understand that the TWU MSW program will use the information I have provided in reaching an admissions decision. I further understand that if I am admitted and the information provided is found to be false, incomplete, or incomplete by another, I may be dismissed from the TWU MSW program.

By signing below, I am submitting this application to the TWU MSW program, and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I authorize information regarding my educational records and progress to be shared with TWU.

My signature below acknowledges my consent for the sharing of this information between faculty and other university personnel with a legitimate educational interest.

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Signature

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Date