

# MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

## MSW Autobiographical Statement

In order for the Admission Committee in the Department of Social Work to more fully evaluate requests for admission to the Master of Social Work program, each applicant is required to submit an autobiographical statement. This is an extremely important element of the application process, and no application will be considered without it. Please write a statement about yourself, your background, and your interests. There is no minimum length requirement, but the committee would like you to address the following points:

### **Part A: Personal Background Information (up to 750 words)**

1. How and why did you become interested in social work?
2. How has your personal, family, educational, professional and community experiences contributed to your interest in social work?
3. Why do you want to earn a degree in social work? What do you anticipate your degree enabling you to do?
4. What personal qualities do you possess that will be helpful to you in a career in social work?

### **Part B: Professional Goals (up to 500 words)**

1. What areas of social work interest you? In which area do you intend to pursue a career? How would these goals contribute to your advancement as a professional?
2. Briefly describe a current social problem that impacts the populations you would like to work with and reflect on the ways it could be addressed through your practice of social work.
3. Discuss your interest in advancing social justice and human rights within your practice of social work.

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