

Judson College Application for Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work Program

Thank you for your interest in the Judson College Social Work Program. Please complete the form with information necessary to process your application for admission to the program. It is important that you read all of the following material and respond to all requests for information.

I. GENERAL PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial	
Permanent Street Address			City	State	Zip Code
(Area Code) Telephone Number				Email Mail Address	
Temporary Mailing Address	Street	City	State	Zip Code	
Temporary Telephone Number		Until What Date?		MM/DD/YY	
<i>In an emergency contact:</i> Last Name		First	MI	<i>Telephone:</i>	Home/Cell/Business
Student Citizenship: If not U.S. citizen please specify other					

II. INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH

Social workers are often in stressful and psychologically demanding situations. The profession involves considerable need to make immediate and serious decisions under conditions of uncertainty. If you have (or if you think you may have) any emotional, psychological, or mental problems that may influence your stress level, interfere with your functioning as a professional social worker, or negatively impact clients, or if you have recently (within the last two years) been under the care of a licensed mental health practitioner, you should seek the advice of a licensed mental health practitioner prior to enrolling in the BSW program. Please carefully consider how this may impact your and a client's well-being. Since such conditions may become more severe under the stress of social work education or practice, students who manifest problems that interfere with their successful progress in the program may be asked to withdraw from the program.

_____ I have read and understand the statement regarding **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**.
(Please initial).

III. LEGAL ISSUES

The first concern of a social worker should be the welfare of the client. It is the reason for the existence of social work. If a student has a record of felony conviction(s), or of a misdemeanor(s) conviction(s) such as: domestic violence, child or elder abuse/neglect, substance abuse, or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, this may impact a student's suitability to practice professional social work. A student must disclose this fact to the BSW program on making application for admission to the program. The student will be asked to supply documentation on the nature of the offense and its disposition. **A felony or misdemeanor conviction(s) record will not automatically bar a student from enrollment in the program. The controlling issue is the extent to which a conviction implies unsuitability to ethically perform the duties of a generalist social worker.** The BSW Director and faculty will make admissions decisions based on the nature and date of the offense, disposition, rehabilitation efforts, and the relevance of the offense to social work practice. Students' rights of appeal, as defined in the *Judson College Academic Catalog* and *Student Handbook*, will be in effect. Please note, a student with a criminal conviction may be denied field placements due to agency policies and regulations and may be denied licensure to practice social work, even if she has been admitted to the BSW program and has graduated with a BSW degree. Students who have issues in this area are urged to consult their social work faculty advisor.

_____ I have read and understand the statement regarding **LEGAL ISSUES**.
(Please initial.)

IV. ESSAY ON REASONS FOR YOUR INTEREST IN A CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK

On a separate sheet, please type a formal, 500-word essay on the reasons that you would like to become a social worker. Include any pertinent personal, work, or volunteer experience. The essay should inform the social work faculty members about your background, goals, and interests in the social work profession.

You should use Standard English grammar, write in a professional manner, and be certain to include your name and date on the typed document. Submit the essay along with the application form by the February 1 deadline. Applications submitted without the essay will not be reviewed.

V. REFERENCES

List below the three people from whom you will request references. Preferred references include present or former teachers, coaches, bosses, church leaders, campus leaders, etc. No references will be accepted from family members. At least one professional/work and one academic reference are preferred, including a reference from your current supervisor, especially if social work related (i.e. work, volunteer, internship). If you have not been recently involved in academic study or employment, then three personal references, other than family members, will be accepted.

Reference 1: Name Relationship

Reference 2: Name Relationship

Reference 3: Name Relationship

Please provide each of your references with a printed BSW Reference Form along with stamped, addressed envelope, and have each reference mail the completed form directly to the following address:

Judson College Social Work Program
BSW Admissions c/o Ms. Angela Dennison, LMSW
302 Bibb Street
Marion, AL 36756

Or send them the BSW Reference Form via email (be sure to fill out top portion) and ask them to complete it and email it to Ms. Angela Dennison, BSW Program Director at adennison@judson.edu

VI. Considerations Regarding Licensure and Certification of Application

This application is for admission to the Judson College BSW Program, which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Please note that there are other criteria that must be met in order to become a licensed social worker.

Judson College provides equal opportunity in education without regard to race, age, class, color, creed, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or national origin.

Please make sure that you have carefully read all of the above information and that your responses are accurate. Sign the following statement to affirm your responses in order to begin the application process.

Your signature below certifies that you have read and understood the above information and that all the material you have submitted for consideration is complete and accurate.

Signature Date

Please submit your application (this form along with your typed essay) to the Social Work Program Director, Ms. Angela Dennison. You may deliver it to her office in Jewett G07 during office hours, email it to adennison@judson.edu or print and mail it to the following address:

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