



### **Narrative Statement #1**

*Please keep this response to FOUR double spaced typed pages.*

How did you become interested in social work? What relationship or experiences – personal, education or professional – caused or confirmed your interest in this profession? What indicated to you a need for professional education?

Students are expected to understand and respect human diversity, promote social justice and social welfare through the empowerment of at-risk populations, and demonstrate a commitment to the values and ethics of the social work profession. What is your understanding of social work? What has contributed to your understanding of and desire to work with underserved populations? What groups or issues would you find challenging?

Discuss those personal qualities and abilities you feel will be helpful to you in the social work profession. What do you currently see as your strengths and areas of improvement?

Discuss your professional interests and goals. Indicate which fields of practice, client groups, and special social problems interest you and why. What contributions do you hope to make as a professional social worker? If you have trained or worked in another field, what are your reasons for a change?

### **Narrative Statement #2**

*Please keep this response to TWO double spaced typed pages.*

What do you hope to gain from a graduate education? Why do you believe that UT–Austin School of Social Work is a good fit for your needs?

### **Narrative Statement #3**

*Please keep this response to TWO double spaced typed pages.*

Students are expected to embody the spirit of the social work field's mission to promote social, racial, economic, and environmental justice, working toward a more just world. Please discuss a current social problem related to social, economic, or health disparities that you believe is relevant to the practice of social work, specifically highlighting elements of the field's mission. Share what ideas you have for how the problem may be addressed or prevented, and what role you might play as a social worker in ending these disparities.

### **Narrative Statement # 4 (Optional)**

*Please keep this response to ONE double spaced typed page.*

If your GPA does not meet the minimum standards for admission, the School of Social Work must petition the Graduate School for a conditional admission. Please indicate special experiences or circumstances that would support a petition for conditional admission. Discuss how, if granted admission to the MSSW program, you plan to address potential obstacles to successfully completing the program.