Applicants must demonstrate written communication skills which are accomplished through the application questions and the statement of purpose. All materials must be written exclusively by each applicant. Any indication that someone else has substantially helped with or written this statement is ground for rejection of the applicant or dismissal from the MSW Program.

Directions: The statement of purpose should be a total of 4-6 double-spaced pages, typewritten using 12-point font. Use headings in correct APA style for each item listed below.

- The following items should be addressed in the statement of purpose:
  - Reasons for choosing the MSW program of study
  - Interest in a rural focus
  - Interest in mental health, addiction, and/or health related services.
  - Plans upon achieving an MSW
    - Career goals, and
    - Commitment to the social work profession