University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (SSW)
Supplemental Application Instructions

Minimum grade point average for admission consideration: 2.5 gpa

Deadline/entry term: fall (August 15) and spring (December 15).

Supplemental application materials:
1. SSW Supplemental Application. This form should be completed and returned with your application to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.
2. Written Statement. A three-part written statement discussing the following concerns in depth; it should be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed five pages.
   - Part 1: The influence in your life experience that made you select social work as a profession.
   - Part 2: What you believe social work education can contribute to your professional competence.
   - Part 3: What is one of most important contemporary social issues and why?
3. References. Three reference forms. Required references include: your college adviser; a college instructor; and your current (or last) employer/volunteer supervisor.

Other:
- Admission interview. An interview may be initiated by the admissions personnel of the School of Social Work. You are encouraged to seek an interview if you wish to discuss the program or special circumstances regarding your application. Interviews, if necessary, should be scheduled after all application materials have been submitted.

The School of Social Work Supplemental Application and Recommendation Form are downloadable forms available online at socialwork.pitt.edu

To arrange an interview or, for specific questions about social work, contact:
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