

## **University of Oklahoma School of Social Work Undergraduate Admissions Statement**

The Admissions Committee for the School is interested in your life experience leading up to your decision to apply for admission to this program. This statement will be used to assess your basic writing skills, as well as to aid the Admissions Committee in their decision. **It should be typed in a document separate from your *Application for Admission Form*, and should be approximately five pages in length.** Organize your document according to the five areas listed below:

1. Discuss the major reasons for your interest in the profession of social work.
2. Describe some of the successes you have achieved in school, work and in your personal life.
3. Briefly describe any barriers you have had to overcome in pursuing your education, work, and personal goals (e.g. physical disability, lack of funds, family crisis, etc.).
4. Describe any experiences that you have had in working with people (voluntary or paid). Please indicate the type of setting and the length of your experiences.
5. Briefly discuss your views on the concept of “cultural pluralism,” then answer the two questions below:
  - A. What experiences have you had which make you feel that you can work effectively with people from diverse populations reflecting religious, racial, ethnic, handicapped status, socio-economic, gender and sexual orientation differences?
  - B. What difficulties would you feel that you might have as an individual in working with any of the groups listed above (Please be specific)?

Include this statement with your other admissions documents. Completed applications should be postmarked or submitted by **Monday, February 1, 2010** to:

University of Oklahoma School of Social Work  
Attention: B.S.W. Admissions  
1005 S. Jenkins Avenue  
Norman, OK 73019.