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**Statement of Purpose** *The following questions are designed to ascertain your interest in, understanding of, and experience related to social work as a profession. All responses are confidential and will be used solely for USU MSW admission application purposes. Please respond to each question posed separately, writing no more than 250 words per question.*

1. Why are you seeking an MSW at this time? Describe your career goals and how they have evolved. How have your past and present life experiences influenced your decision to pursue a career in the field of human service?

2. What personal and professional qualities do you have that will contribute to your success in graduate school and in the profession of social work? What limitations and challenges do you have that might create barriers to your success?

3. What areas of social work practice interest you and why?

4. Discuss your experience with and reflect on your comfort level related to working with diverse and vulnerable populations.

5. Discuss the fit between your personal values and the profession of social work's commitment to advancing human rights and social and economic justice.

6. Discuss your experience with, interest in, and ideas about engaging in social work research and policy practice.

7. Discuss your experience with, interest in, and ideas about engaging, assessing, intervening, and evaluating practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

8. Discuss your previous academic experience and reflect on your academic strengths and limitations.

Please attach your completed statement of purpose form to your online application at  
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