

Application to the McGill School of Social Work
BSW Program

Guidelines for the Personal Statement & Social Problem Analysis

Personal Statement (maximum of 500 words in length)

- *Why are you interested in becoming a social worker?*
- *How have your past experiences contributed to this interest?*
- *What have you learned from your past experiences (knowledge, understanding and/or skills) that make you a good candidate for social work?*
- *Do you have a particular area of practice that is of interest to you?*

Analysis of a social problem (maximum of 500 words in length)

- *Identify a social problem and explain why it is a social problem, not just an individual problem.*
- *What are the causes of this problem?*
- *Who are the actors involved in this problem? (i.e. Who is affected? Who is responsible? Who is trying to address this problem?)*
- *How can social work address this problem? Please give a variety of interventions that a social worker might implement.*