**Outline for the Personal Qualifications and Interest Essay**

**For Application to the MSW Program**

Please prepare a narrative typed, double-spaced, statement of 3-5 pages, with attachments, if necessary, addressing the following:

1. Your interest in pursuing a graduate degree in social work, including personal experiences you may have had that have influenced your decision.
2. The experiences you have had working with people who are different from you culturally and/or racially. How have these interactions impacted your decision to become a social worker?
3. Our program has an emphasis on rural social work. Describe your interest in practicing in a rural area upon graduation.
4. What personal qualities, strengths and skills do you bring to the social work profession? What challenges do you anticipate?
5. Please describe your short and long-term career goals after graduation.