



2026 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW) ADMISSION APPLICATION

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

University Application Deadline (Transfer Applicants Only): Sunday, November 30, 2025

School of Social Work Application Deadline (All Applicants): Sunday, March 1, 2026*

Please review the BASW Admissions information on our School of Social Work [website](#).

All applicants are required to submit a supplemental BASW application packet to the School of Social Work Admissions Office; mailed applications must be postmarked by March 1st and hand-delivered applications must be received by 5pm Monday, March 2, 2026*. Applicants should read the entire application carefully for full instructions as they are expected to provide complete and accurate information.

The School of Social Work and the School will not process any application that is missing documents or information. The supplemental 2026 BASW application packet must include the following:

- a complete 2026 BASW Admission Application (signed and dated);
- an autobiographical statement (instructions included in the application);
- Two (2) 2026 Reference Forms (forms and instructions included in the application).

Please make a copy of the application for your records.

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2026. You may either mail your application packet to the address below (with a clear postmark) or hand-deliver it to our School of Social Work office*. Your application materials must be submitted in an envelope with the following address (whether sent by mail or hand-delivered):

California State University, Long Beach
School of Social Work – BASW Admissions
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840-4602

*Due to March 1st falling on a Sunday in 2026, hand-delivered applications will be accepted until 5pm on Monday, March 2, 2026 in the School of Social Work Office. Mailed applications will need to be postmarked by March 1, 2026 to be considered.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- School of Social Work Fall 2026 BASW Application (signed and dated)
- Autobiographical Statement
- Two School of Social Work BASW Reference Forms (separate, sealed & signed envelopes – see page 13)
- Prerequisite Courses Complete or In-Progress (Spring 2026 Deadline)
- Official Transcripts submitted to University Enrollment Services (Transcript Deadline: consult University Enrollment Services)
- Transfer Applicants: University Admission Application at [Cal State Apply](#)

SECTION ONE: APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. CSULB 9-DIGIT CAMPUS ID# (REQUIRED)

2. FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAME

3. STREET ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)

4. PHONE NUMBERS (PLEASE INCLUDE BOTH CELL PHONE AND HOME PHONE)

5. EMAIL ADDRESS

SECTION TWO: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME AND CSULB ID#

PROGRAM PLAN

The School of Social Work offers a full-time day program and a full-time evening program for BASW students.

2. PROGRAM PLAN

Which program are you applying for?

FULL-TIME DAY FULL-TIME EVENING NO PREFERENCE

3. TRANSFER STUDENTS

Are you a 2026 Transfer Student?

YES

TRANSFER SCHOOL

No

4. GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Applicants must have completed 60-units prior to starting the program. Please list the total number of units you will have completed by the end of Spring 2026.

GPA

NUMBER OF UNITS

ACADEMIC RECORD

5. ACADEMIC RECORD (PLEASE INCLUDE THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, DATES ATTENDED, MAJOR AND DEGREE COMPLETED)

List all of your academic work beyond high school below. An official transcript from each institution must be submitted directly to University Enrollment Services upon their request.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

You must complete the following prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester/quarter prior to the fall semester for which you are applying. You must earn a grade of "C" or better in each prerequisite course, and you must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all three prerequisite courses. Fill in the information for each prerequisite course below and indicate whether you have completed the course or are currently taking the course.

6. HUMAN BIOLOGY OR HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

COURSE NUMBER

COURSE TITLE

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER/YEAR

UNITS

COURSE STATUS/GRADE

COMPLETE IN-PROGRESS

GRADE

7. GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE NUMBER

COURSE TITLE

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER/YEAR

UNITS

COURSE STATUS/GRADE

COMPLETE IN-PROGRESS

GRADE

8. ELEMENTARY STATISTICS

COURSE NUMBER

COURSE TITLE

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER/YEAR

UNITS

COURSE STATUS/GRADE

COMPLETE IN-PROGRESS

GRADE

CO-REQUISITE COURSES

By the end of the first two semesters in the BASW Program, the following must be completed successfully. Please indicate if you have already completed the following.

9. GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT

10. ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

SECTION THREE: WORK EXPERIENCE/ RÉSUMÉ

List your most recent job/volunteer experience first. Provide a detailed description of your job duties. Attach additional pages if necessary. You may also attach a résumé in place of filling in the boxes below; however, please make sure your résumé reflects the information below. If you choose to attach your résumé, please write "See Résumé" in the space below. Please note that students are not given credit toward degree requirements for life experience.

11. POSITION #1

TYPE OF POSITION

PAID VOLUNTEER PRACTICUM (INTERNSHIP)

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

YOUR TITLE

SUPERVISOR/TITLE

STREET ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)

YOUR DUTIES

START DATE

END DATE

WAS YOUR SUPERVISOR A: (CHOOSE ONE)

 BASW MSW LCSW PH.D. IN SOCIAL WORK NONE OF THESE OPTIONS

12. POSITION #2

TYPE OF POSITION

 PAID VOLUNTEER PRACTICUM (INTERNSHIP)

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

YOUR TITLE

SUPERVISOR/TITLE

STREET ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)

YOUR DUTIES

START DATE

END DATE

WAS YOUR SUPERVISOR A: (CHOOSE ONE)

BASW MSW LCSW PH.D. IN SOCIAL WORK NONE OF THESE OPTIONS

13. AGENCY EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently working for one of the following agencies?

L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
 ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
 OTHER PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE OR SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY

14. STIPEND

Please indicate interest in applying for the California Title IV-E Education Program*.

*Information on the California Title IV-E Stipend can be found on the School of Social Work [website](#).

CALIFORNIA TITLE IV-E EDUCATION PROGRAM

SECTION FOUR: AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

15. AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

You must include an Autobiographical Statement in your application packet. It should be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 2 - 4 pages in length and address the questions and areas of discussion on page 13 of this application. Carefully read and follow the instructions and guidelines provided on page 12.

SECTION FIVE: REFERENCES

You must include two (2) completed School of Social Work 2026 BASW Reference Forms in your application packet (see page 13). Letters on official letterhead can be attached to the form. One reference must be from an academic source and one reference must be from a professional source. A reference from your current supervisor is preferred, especially if social work-related (i.e. work, volunteer, or internship). Personal references from friends, family, and neighbors are not acceptable. The person completing the reference should place the Reference Form in a sealed envelope, sign their name across the sealed flap, and provide it to you for submission in your packet.

16. REFERENCE #1: NAME

TITLE

INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION

RELATIONSHIP

REFERENCE TYPE

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC

17. REFERENCE #2: NAME

TITLE

INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION

RELATIONSHIP

REFERENCE TYPE

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC

SECTION SIX: LEARN ABOUT PROGRAM

18. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE CSULB SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

CSULB SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK INFORMATION MEETING

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK WEBSITE

PERSONAL REFERENCE

PROFESSIONAL/STUDENT FAIR

LOCATION

PRESENTATION AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

LOCATION

OTHER

SECTION SEVEN: APPLICATION INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SIGN/DATE ON THE SIGNATURE LINE.

The applicant is responsible for assembling the application packet prior to submitting it to the School of Social Work Admissions Office. The application packet must include the following: pages 2 through 10 of this 2026 application, an autobiographical statement, and two (2) School of Social Work 2026 BASW Reference Forms in separate, sealed & signed envelopes. All materials submitted to the School of Social Work become official University property. Official Transcripts must be submitted to University Enrollment Services once the applicant has been instructed to do so. Incomplete and late applications will not be evaluated.

The School of Social Work determines the practicum agencies to which students will be assigned, and the majority of practicum agencies are located in low income, urban areas. If admitted to the BASW program, the student agrees to accept the practicum experience assigned by the practicum faculty of the School. Once admitted, students are not allowed to switch from daytime to evening courses or vice versa, except with the permission of the Undergraduate Program Director.

Admitted students must complete the co-requisite requirements (i.e. completion of Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Placement Exam - GPE and Abnormal Psychology course) by the end of the junior year. In addition, all Social Work courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better, and all practicum and field experience course must be completed with a "CR" (credit grade), as well.

Please be aware that as Social Workers, we are mandated by law to report incidents of child or older adult abuse.

Your signature below on page 11 certifies that you have read and understood the above statements and that all materials you have submitted for consideration are complete and accurate.

19. APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND DATE (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIRED, NO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ACCEPTED)

California State University, Long Beach provides equal opportunity in education without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation or disability in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and Section 604 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SECTION EIGHT: APPLICATION DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

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SECTION NINE: AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

The Autobiographical Statement allows the applicant an opportunity to fully express their interest in professional social work education. The Autobiographical Statement should be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 2 - 4 pages in length and address the questions and areas of discussion below. Be sure to proofread your final draft.

1. Please give your reasons for selecting social work as your major.
2. How and when did your interest in social work develop?
3. What is your understanding of the social work profession?
4. What do you expect to gain from the social work major?
5. What personal qualities do you have that will assist you to:
 - Work with individuals, families, groups and/or communities
 - Reach your career goals in social work
6. Social work often involves assisting individuals, families, groups and communities in problem solving. Give a brief discussions of a problem you have encountered in an employment or volunteer situation and how you resolved it. If you have neither employment nor volunteer experience, you may discuss a personal challenge that you faced.



2026 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW) REFERENCE FORM

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

ACADEMIC REFERENCE

SECTION ONE: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

You must first complete Section One of this form (including the waiver box) and then provide the form to your reference with an envelope. The reference must return the completed reference form (3 pages) to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the sealed flap. (The reference may include a letter in addition to this reference form, but a letter cannot be submitted in place of this reference form.) You must then submit the sealed envelope with your application packet to the CSULB School of Social Work. Please note that we reserve the right to contact the Reference for clarification and/or verification.

1. APPLICANT NAME

2. DATE OF REQUEST

3. REFERENCE NAME

4. REFERENCE OCCUPATION

5. REFERENCE STREET ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)

6. REFERENCE PHONE NUMBER

7. REFERENCE EMAIL ADDRESS

APPLICANT RIGHTS WAIVER

Note: The following must be completed and signed (with original signature) by the applicant before forwarding this form to the reference.

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the applicant, if admitted and enrolled, will be entitled to access the information provided on this form unless the applicant waives their right to review this reference.

8. RIGHTS WAIVER (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

I WAIVE MY RIGHT TO REVIEW THIS REFERENCE.
 I DO NOT WAIVE MY RIGHT TO REVIEW THIS REFERENCE.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I give permission to release confidential information for the purpose of application to the CSULB Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Program.

9. APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND DATE (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIRED, NO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ACCEPTED)

SECTION TWO: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REFERENCE

The above-named individual has applied for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Program at California State University, Long Beach. Your assessment of the applicant will assist the Admissions Committee. This form is required, but you are welcome to include a letter in addition to this form. Please complete both pages and place the completed form in a sealed envelope, sign your name across the sealed flap, and return the sealed envelope to the applicant for submission to the CSULB School of Social Work.

1. HOW LONG AND IN WHAT CONNECTION HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

2. LIST SKILLS THAT DEMONSTRATE THE APPLICANT'S POTENTIAL IN THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION.

3. LIST AREAS THAT NEED DEVELOPMENT AND/OR CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAY HINDER THE APPLICANT'S EFFECTIVENESS AS A SOCIAL WORKER.

[Large empty rectangular box for writing responses to question 3.]

REFERENT RECOMMENDATION

4. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR OVERALL RECOMMENDATION BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPLICANT FOR YOUR PROGRAM WITHOUT RESERVATION AS AN EXCELLENT PROSPECT.

I RECOMMEND THE APPLICANT AS A GOOD PROSPECT.

I HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS, BUT THINK THE APPLICANT SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO PROVE THEMSELVES.

PLEASE CONTACT ME: [Large empty rectangular box for writing contact information.]

I THINK THE APPLICANT IS NOT SUITED FOR YOUR PROGRAM.

PLEASE CONTACT ME: [Large empty rectangular box for writing contact information.]

5. REFERENT SIGNATURE AND DATE (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIRED, NO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ACCEPTED)

REFERENCE FORM DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Please give this Reference Form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Feel free to make further comments on additional sheets and attach to this form.

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