

EWU BASW Program – Applicant Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) Program at Eastern Washington University (EWU). Admission to the BASW program is through an application process. The following instructions are to help you evaluate your eligibility and readiness for the program, and to guide you in submitting a complete application.

International Students

Please review [undergraduate student application requirements](#) before starting your application. For support through the application process and throughout your EWU experience, contact [EWU Global Student Services](#). The office provides connection for international students to the campus community, information, resources, navigating the campus, and support from application through to alumni status.

All application materials, including references, must be submitted by August 14, 2026.

You will complete an online application, selecting from the most appropriate option that fits you:

- If you have applied to EWU and been admitted as an undergraduate on or after 08/01/2020 please proceed to the following link to complete your application for the BASW Program; <https://apply.ewu.edu/register/applysocialwork>. If not, please contact Christine Babcock at cbabcock@ewu.edu.
- If you are a transfer student, please go to <http://www.ewu.edu/apply/transfer> and apply to EWU first.

After completing the EWU admission application, please go to <http://apply.ewu.edu/register/applysocialwork> and apply to the BASW Program. A link to the application is also available on the BASW webpage. Applications will be available online. If you have questions about the BASW Program admission requirements or how to meet them, please contact Dr. Bipasha Biswas, BASW Program Director, at bbiswas@ewu.edu.

Eligibility to Apply:

Before you apply, you should meet these criteria:

1. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to apply for the BASW Program. Applicants with a GPA lower than 2.5 must provide a brief explanation in their online application explaining the reason behind their GPA not meeting the minimum requirement. These applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
2. Applicants must have earned a minimum of 80 college credits.

3. Applicants must have no more than THREE EWU graduation required classes remaining by the start of the BASW Program (courses that are in progress during the spring and summer quarter in which the student is applying may be counted toward meeting the preceding criterion).
4. Applicants must have completed English 201 or an equivalent course as part of their DTA transfer credits with a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) at the time of their application.
5. Applicants must have completed Intermediate Algebra or Algebra Reasoning (MTHD 104 or MTHD 106 at EWU) or an equivalent course as part of their Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) transfer credits with a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) at the time of their application.
6. If you have questions about these criteria, how to meet them, or how to meet them before beginning the BASW Program, please contact Dr. Bipasha Biswas, BASW Program Director, at bbiswas@ewu.edu

Application Materials to Submit:

A complete online application must include all of these items:

1. A completed online application;
2. Unofficial transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended;
3. A BASW Program Eligibility Checklist (part of the online application);
4. A BASW personal statement, as part of the online application, which must address in no more than 1200 words and no less than 350 words:
 - a. What is your primary reason for wanting to become a social worker?
 - b. What previous accomplishments of yours best prepare you to be a social worker?
 - c. What will be your greatest challenge in meeting the demands of the BASW Program, including full time coursework and 16 hours a week of practicum (during the second year of the Program) **and what is your plan to address this challenge?**
5. Email addresses from two 2 references (space provided in application):
 - a. One must be from someone who has supervised your work for at least 40 hours, such as:
 - i. Employment supervisors;

- ii. Volunteer activity supervisors;
 - b. Other references may be from:
 - i. Faculty members – High school teachers are acceptable;
 - ii. Coaches;
 - iii. Civic or Academic club sponsors, such as science or chess club or gender sexuality student alliance;
 - c. References *shall not* be from:
 - i. Family members;
 - ii. Family friends;
 - iii. Personal friends or romantic partners;
 - iv. Clergy (unless they supervised you in a professional capacity);
 - v. Personal therapists, counselors or recovery program sponsors;
6. If applicable, a brief statement included in your online application about how an applicant shall complete the requirement that no more than three EWU graduation required classes shall be outstanding by the end of summer quarter. If you answer no for an admissions criterion, a text box will appear for you to explain how you plan to meet that criterion before starting the BASW Program.