

Accessing the MSW Application

Visit connect.msudenver.edu/apply/ and either log in or create a new account – **the email you use to create your account is where all application and admissions related communications (including admissions decision) will be sent!**

Create an Application Account

Create your admission application by entering the information below.

Use a personal email address (not a school-issued one) to ensure you receive all important emails through the application process.

Email Address	
Confirm Email Address	
First Name	
Last Name	
Birthdate	
Submit	

Login

To log in, please enter your email address and password.

Email Address	
Password	Forgot Your Password?
Login	

Once logged in, click on the “Start New Application” button in red towards the bottom of the page.

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Select Application

Select an application type:

Admission Application	▼
Master's (Graduate Level)	▼

Personal Background

This is where you will provide basic information, including name, mailing address, telephone, biographical information, citizenship, and emergency contact.

Name	
Legal First Name	Social TEST
Middle	
Legal Last Name	Work TEST
Suffix	
Preferred First Name	
Other Last Names Used	
Addresses	
Mailing Address Delete	
Country	United States
Street Address	PO Box 173362
City	Denver
State	Colorado
Postal Code	80217-3362
Email Address	
Current Email	socialwork@msudenver.edu Change
Confirm Email Address	
Telephone Numbers (include +country code)	
Home Phone	+1 303-615-0555
Cell Phone	
Biographical Information	
Sex	Female
Birthdate	January 1 1990
Birth Country	United States
Birth City	Denver
Birth State	Select State
Language used in home	English
Citizenship Information	
Primary Citizenship	United States
Social Security Number	XXXXX6789 (omit dashes) Privacy Protection Policy
Race/Ethnicity Optional	Colleges and universities are asked by many groups, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, and newspapers, to describe the ethnic/racial backgrounds of their students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following two questions. View Definitions Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☒ No Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check <i>one or more</i> of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member: ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific ☒ White

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency
Contact First Name

Emergency
Contact Last Name

Emergency
Contact Phone

Emergency
Contact Relation

☒ I do not have emergency contact information to provide.

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Basic Information/MSU Denver Plans

Course Delivery

The first selection applicants make in this section determines if they want to be a mixed traditional student (select “Master’s Degree”) or a fully online student (select “Online Master’s Degree”).

MSU Denver Plans

What type of MSU Denver program are you interested in?*

Master's Degree
Online Master's Degree
Graduate Certificate
Online Graduate Certificate
Graduate Non-Degree

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Advanced Standing and Start Term

Once you select their planned program of interest, you will have to select if you are applying to the Advanced Standing Program or not – their answer to this question will determine what start term is available for them to select. If they say “Yes”, they can only select to apply for a Summer 2026 start. If they select “No”, they can only select to apply for a Fall 2026 start.

If you aren’t sure if they are eligible to apply to Advanced Standing:

To qualify for Advanced Standing, you need to have completed a bachelor’s degree in social work. If you completed your bachelor’s degree in December 2020 or sooner, you qualify for Advanced Standing.

Advanced Standing Program: Are you applying to the Advanced Standing Program for Master of Social Work?*

Select "Yes" if you have an undergraduate degree in Social Work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education within the last six years. You may qualify for the advanced standing, one-year (36 semester hours) Master of Social Work program.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

When do you plan to start classes?*

Summer 2026 ▼

Other Basic Information

The remaining basic information has to do with confirming that you have earned or will soon earn an undergraduate degree, determining if you are an MSU Denver alum, determining if you are a first-generation student, and asking if you have a military background.

Academic Information

Have you earned (or will soon earn) a bachelor's degree?*

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Did you complete (or will soon complete) your undergraduate degree at **MSU Denver**?*

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

What is your undergraduate degree graduation date (or anticipated graduation date) from **MSU Denver**?*

▼ ▼ ▼

Program Requirements/Master of Social Work

This section contains questions that are specific to the MSW Program application, including your enrollment status, if you will be out of state, and if you have previously been in an MSW Program. A few of the questions require additional information if you select "Yes".

MSW Program Questions

Select enrollment status*

- ☐ Full Time (15 credits/semester)
☐ Part Time (6-9 credits/semester)

Do you intend to complete this program from another state?*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you previously applied to the MSW Program at MSU Denver?*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you ever taken courses in the MSW Program at MSU Denver as a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student?*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you been previously enrolled in an MSW Program (at MSU Denver or another institution)?*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you ever been dismissed from an MSW Program (including the MSW Program at MSU Denver)?*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Out of State

If you are planning to complete the MSW Program from another state, you must select which state in the application. Admission as an out of state student is determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the Office of Field Education's ability to support additional out of state students in the year(s) that student will be in a field placement.

Do you intend to complete this program from another state?*

☒ Yes
☐ No

Which state?

Previously Enrolled in an MSW Program

If you have been previously enrolled in an MSW Program (either our program or at another institution), you are required to provide a short explanation as to why you left your previous program.

Have you been previously enrolled in an MSW Program (at MSU Denver or another institution)?*

☒ Yes
☐ No

Why did you leave your previous program?*

Previously Dismissed from an MSW Program

If you have been previously dismissed from an MSW Program, you must provide a short explanation about why you were dismissed *and* upload a copy of the dismissal letter from your program.

Have you ever been dismissed from an MSW Program (including the MSW Program at MSU Denver)?*

☒ Yes
☐ No

Why were you dismissed from your previous program?*

Please upload your dismissal letter*

Choose File No file chosen

Acknowledgment*
Information about your prior dismissal may be used as part of the application review process.

☐ I understand that, in some cases, more information may be required and the MSW Program may contact me for additional information and/or to seek approval to speak directly to the program I was dismissed from.

Certifications (Criminal History, Professional & Ethical Behavior, Interactions, and Records)

Applicants must agree to several certifications regarding their application – you must select “Yes” to all four certification questions to be able to submit your application.

Please note – we do not do a criminal history check or any form of background check on our applicants. Instead, the [Criminal History Statement document](#) explains the **potential** barriers they may face in their future career **if** they have ever been convicted of a felony and/or exploitation, abuse, or other offense of a child or elder. We want applicants to apply with full knowledge of any potential barriers they could face.

The [Standards of Professional and Ethical Behavior document](#) is a department standard that all students must abide by while in the program.

Certifications

Instructions: Please download and read the [Criminal History Statement document](#) and [Standards of Professional and Ethical Behavior document](#) and keep for your records. Note: The Department of Social Work at MSU Denver does not conduct background checks or consider criminal history as part of our application review process.

I have read, understood, and agree to the [Criminal History Statement document](#).*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I have read, understood, and agree to the [Standards of Professional and Ethical Behavior document](#).*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I understand that all of my interactions with University personnel including faculty, staff, and administrators can impact my admissions decision.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I understand that my previous and/or current student record and student file at MSU Denver may be considered when reviewing my application to the MSW Program.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Required Supplemental Materials and Recommendation Overview

All three required recommendations need to be submitted in order to access the part of the application that has the section where the personal statement and case study (only if you are applying for Advanced Standing) will be uploaded. If you do not have all three recommendations entered, this portion of the application will not be available.

Required Supplemental Materials

After submission of this application, your MSW Program application will not be considered complete and eligible for review until all required supplemental items are also submitted. These items include:

- Admissions Essay
- Case Study
- Letters of recommendation (completed by your recommenders)

All materials should be submitted via the application system. Please do not submit any materials via email or mail. If you have any questions about application requirements, please visit <https://www.msudenver.edu/social-work/master-social-work/apply/walkthrough/> for a step-by-step walkthrough, or email socialwork@msudenver.edu.

Acknowledgment*

☒ I understand that my application will not be considered complete until it is submitted and all required supplemental items are received by the published deadline.

Official Recommendations

You will complete Professional Recommendation requests in the next section.

Three letters of recommendation are required for application to the Master of Social Work program. All letters of recommendation will be completed through this online system. You should not collect or submit any physical letters of recommendation. If you or your references have any questions about this process, please email socialwork@msudenver.edu.

Each letter of recommendation will be individually evaluated by the Admissions Committee. The committee can only evaluate three recommendations per applicant. Therefore, if you enter more than three recommenders into the system, it is your responsibility to exclude the recommendations you do not want reviewed by the committee prior to the deadline. If you have not excluded any recommendations from review, then our office will take the first three letters submitted for review. In order for your application to be considered complete and eligible for review, you must have three completed recommendations by the application deadline.

Recommenders should be professional and not be friends, family, and/or personal therapists. Professional recommenders include faculty and employment/volunteer supervisors. It is strongly recommended that at least one letter come from a faculty (when possible) and one letter from a supervisor. Professional colleagues may serve as adequate recommenders if need be, but use caution that the Admissions Committee highly values faculty and supervisor letters.

Recommenders should be able to speak to your academic and/or professional abilities as well as comment on your potential to succeed in graduate school and the field of social work. When considering your recommenders, think about who can write a strong letter of recommendation for you. The quality of the letter contributes to your overall application score.

Advanced Standing Applicants: It is highly recommended, though not required, that you submit a letter of recommendation from your BSW program. This could include a faculty advisor, academic advisor, internship director, internship instructor, internship liaison, or program director.

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Professional Recommendations

Official recommendation(s) are required for the application to the program you have selected. All letters of recommendation will be completed through this online system. You should not collect or submit any physical letters of recommendation.

Name	Status
Add Recommender	

[Continue](#)

Academic History

This section requires the name of each college or university you have attended, the degree type if conferred, dates attended, and a copy of the unofficial transcript from each institution.

Official copies of transcripts will be required upon acceptance. Please note that if you list a college or university but do not include the transcript, or if the transcript is marked as incomplete on the application checklist, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed for admissions.

Academic History

Instructions: List the academic institutions you have attended. Add each institution only once.

- **Do not** add high school information.
- **Do not** add MSU Denver as an institution if you have previously or are currently attending MSU Denver.

In addition to listing all previously attended institutions, students are required to submit one official transcript from each post-secondary institution they have attended or are presently attending, where one semester hour (or two quarter hours) or more were completed, including study abroad and college coursework completed in high school. Proof of a bachelor's degree is required from a regionally accredited college or university. Note that during the admission process, unofficial transcripts are accepted. Upon acceptance of an admission offer, official transcripts must be received by week eight of the first term of enrollment, or a hold will be placed on the student's account prohibiting future registration.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining all transcripts. Metropolitan State University of Denver students and alumni do not need to provide Metropolitan State University of Denver transcripts. Additionally, if Metropolitan State University of Denver currently has transcripts on file for an institution, there is no need to submit the transcript again. If you are unsure if the university has transcripts on file, please review your application after submission. Once the application has gone through the initial review, the checklist will be updated to reflect transcripts the university has received or already has on file. You will receive communications from the Office of Graduate Studies regarding any missing transcripts.

Official study abroad transcripts are required unless the course titles, grades and credits earned abroad appear on another transcript.

Foreign University Transcripts: Applicants who have attended and/or received a degree from a foreign university must have their transcripts evaluated through a NACES professional evaluation service with a "course-by-course evaluation" that reflects courses taken, the cumulative GPA, and credits obtained. The provider will then send the official evaluation directly to us via email, portal access, or postal mail.

- Recommended evaluation services are **WES**, **ECE**, and **SpanTran**
- Request a "Course-by-Course evaluation"
- Certified English translations must accompany all transcripts except for those provided by institutions that issue documents in English. Errors or omissions in English translations may be grounds for refusal or dismissal.

Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for assistance regarding transcript-related materials.

Official transcripts must include: the name and date of degree earned, if applicable. Official degree certificates or diplomas must include:

- Student name
- Institution name
- Dates of attendance
- Course names, numbers, credits, grades received for courses taken
- Degree title and conferral date, if a degree was earned
 - If not printed on transcript, a separate degree certificate/diploma is required
- Certified English translation, if applicable
- Certified Evaluation, if applicable

Transcripts received from the applicant are considered unofficial unless they are received in a sealed envelope with the institution seal or registrar signature across the flap. Upon admission to Metropolitan State University of Denver, official transcripts will be required from each institution attended.

Institution	Degree	Dates Attended
Add Institution		

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Residency

The residency section will determine how your tuition is classified. Please note that if you select “yes” for some of the questions, additional questions will be opened.

Residency (Tuition Classification)

Instructions: Answer the following information accurately. The information you provide will be used to determine your residency for tuition classification.

Are you claiming Colorado Residency?*

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Will you have lived in Colorado for the last 12 consecutive months before starting classes?*

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Dates of physical presence in Colorado:*

From:

April 2 2009

To:

August 14 2026

(provide today's date if presently living in Colorado)

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Why MSU Denver?

Roadrunner Community and Resources

We would like to know a little bit more about how we can support you and connect you to campus. Please select any of the following resources or activities you would like to learn more about. (Optional)

- ☐ Access Center - Disability Support Services
- ☐ Center for Visual Arts – Art community
- ☐ Classroom to Career Hub (C2 Hub) – Internship support and career development
- ☐ Clubs and Organizations – Student engagement and community
- ☐ Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy (GITA) – Academics and direct services regarding gender identity
- ☐ Honors Program – Community of highly motivated and academically adventurous students
- ☐ Housing Options and Relocation Support
- ☐ Immigrant, ASSET/DACA, Refugee Student Support
- ☐ LGBTQ Student Resource Center
- ☐ Recreation and Sports – Exercise programs and community
- ☐ Study Abroad opportunities
- ☐ TRIO Student Support Services – Holistic academic excellence and achievement community
- ☐ Veteran and Military Student Life

Why MSU Denver?

How did you hear about MSU Denver or any of the Graduate Programs? Select all that apply:

- ☐ Billboard
- ☐ Faculty member
- ☐ Former MSU Denver student
- ☐ Friend or family member
- ☐ Grad School Fair
- ☐ Graduate Studies flyers or promotional materials
- ☐ Graduate Studies website
- ☐ Individual program flyers or promotional materials
- ☐ Individual program website
- ☐ Radio advertisement
- ☐ TV spot
- ☐ Undergraduate advisor
- ☐ Other

How important is it for you that MSU Denver does not currently require an application fee?

- ☐ Did not know it was free to apply
- ☐ Not at all important
- ☐ Hardly important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Very important

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Signature

Provide the following information. * denotes a required field

Certification

Do you certify the following?*

I have carefully read the instructions in this application and, to the best of my knowledge, provided true and complete information. I understand that if found otherwise, it may cause a delay in admission, loss of credit, rejection or dismissal. I will notify the Office of Admissions of any changes to the information provided before my first enrollment and prior to any future enrollment. I understand that I am responsible for any financial charges acquired as a student at MSU Denver, including, but not limited to, tuition and fees.*

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Identity Verification Acknowledgement

Some applicants are required to complete an Identify Verification to keep our application and students' info secure. If you are required to complete an ID Verification, expect to receive an email from safe@safelighered.com and a text message (from 888-617-2331) immediately after applying. This process only takes a photo ID and two minutes to complete.

Signature

The electronic signature consists simply of your name, typed by you on your keyboard. The signature is your confirmation that the application you have filled out is your own work and the information is factually true. Once you type in your name, this will count as your electronic signature.

Signature:*

Type your full name

Your Name: [REDACTED]

By submitting, you acknowledge that you will be automatically opted into receiving texts and emails from MSU Denver, which you can opt out of at any time.

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Review

Your application will be considered complete and moved forward for review once all required items have a green check mark. Required application items will have a green check mark when they have been received. Missing application items will be marked with a red check mark.

Application Checklist

Application Submitted: 01/16/2026

Note: Please allow up to ten business days for processing.

Status	Details	Date
Optional	*This is a Test Record*	
✖ Awaiting	Color Copy of your Passport Information Page	
✖ Awaiting	Color Copy of your Visa	
✖ Awaiting	Copy of your current I-20 (both pages 1 and 2)	
✖ Awaiting	Copy of your most recent I-94	
✖ Awaiting	English Proficiency Test Scores	
✖ Awaiting	Financial Affidavit Form (International Graduate Admissions)	
✖ Awaiting	Financial Bank Account Document (Color Copy)	
✖ Awaiting	MSW Personal Statement	
✖ Awaiting	UGD - Undergraduate Degree Conferred (Degree award is posted with degree date on official transcript)	
✖ Awaiting	Recommendation from Lucy Wolf, Sheeps Clothing Sent to recommender on 09/11/2025.	
✖ Awaiting	Recommendation from Talula Smith, These Beans Sent to recommender on 09/11/2025.	
✖ Awaiting	Recommendation from Tina Bobena, Bobena's Beans Sent to recommender on 09/11/2025.	

To re-send notification emails to your recommenders, re-visit the [recommendations page](#), click "Edit", and then click "Send Reminder".

Review

We have detected the following errors with your application.
These errors must be corrected before submission.

Section	Required Field or Error
Basic Information	Missing entry term: Tell us when you plan to start classes at MSU Denver.
Recommendations	Enter 3 recommendations
Academic History	Enter the college(s) you attended
Academic History	Required: Graduate Program applicants must indicate they earned (or will soon earn) their bachelor's degree in the Academic History section
Signature	Missing student signature

Save for Later