The Personal Professional Statement is an important part of the evidence you provide of your ability to undertake graduate social work education. This Statement should be written as a formal paper (essay), using appropriate headings and subheadings, complete sentences and correct grammar. Use the outline, below to guide your writing. Be sure to address all topics included in this outline.

I. Social work as a career goal
   Be sure to address the following:
   - Your interest in social work.
   - The most critical contemporary social issue to be addressed by professional social workers.
   - Service areas or client groups of interest to you.
   - Your passion for rural or small town social work.

II. Background experiences
   Be sure to address the following:
   - Your reason for seeking professional education now.
   - Your participation in school and community activities.
   - Your expected graduate school performance, compared with your undergraduate performance.
   - Your anticipated contributions to the college and your fellow students.
   - Your career goals for the five years after graduation, including where you plan to live and work.