

What is SocialWorkCAS?

SocialWorkCAS is a Centralized Application Service (CAS™) that allows students to use a single online application and one set of materials to apply to multiple social work programs.

Students manage the entire process, including submissions of supporting documentation, transcript(s) and reference requests. Then, they receive real-time notifications about their application status(es).

Do other schools use Centralized Application Services from Liaison?

YES, more than 31,000 programs on over 1,000 college and university campuses leverage the same SaaS platform. Liaison manages more than 2,500,000 applications annually.

Will I have to give up my program-specific requirements in the application?

NO, SocialWorkCAS does not require you to give up your program-specific requirements in the application. Students enter basic information related to their background and academic history, and this information is shared with all programs to which they apply. Program-specific information is also collected in the application (e.g., essays, personal statements, program-specific questions) — data from this section is not shared with any other social work programs.

Will SocialWorkCAS make admissions decisions for my school?

SocialWorkCAS does not make any admissions decisions. Schools have complete control over their admissions decisions and processes, data and reporting, and program deadlines and materials. The CAS is a mechanism to gather data from applicants, and then provides information in a ready-to-review format. Although SocialWorkCAS increases efficiency in multiple ways, the service will never interpret or evaluate the eligibility of any applicant.

Will I be able to contact applicants during the application process?

As soon as an applicant has expressed interest in a particular program, the school will have the ability to contact the person through SocialWorkCAS. The school can decide when to contact the applicant — right away to start recruiting, at some point during the application process, and/or when waiting for the application to be completed. Schools have complete control over their own processes.

How do we receive applicant data?

Data can be retrieved on-demand, electronically at any time. Additionally, exports can be scheduled to automatically pass data to your CRM service and/or SIS. See more information in the Technical FAQ.

Will applicants spend more money for the application process?

Not necessarily. The \$50 processing fee for the first application, and \$35 for subsequent applications, can typically be offset by eliminating the redundancies that exist in today's current model, such as transcript request fees and mailing fees. Surveys of applicants repeatedly show the benefits of applying through a CAS justify any fees associated with this service. To further increase accessibility, SocialWorkCAS offers an application fee waiver program to individuals meeting certain income- and service-based requirements.

Does participating in SocialWorkCAS mean that the school will experience a loss of revenue from current application fees included in our process?

You can certainly still collect your current application fees. However, many institutions find that the cost offset of outsourcing the application management and document processing functions to SocialWorkCAS (scanning, GPA calculation, etc.) creates additional opportunity to reclaim budget and staff time to reallocate to more impactful enrollment initiatives.

Learn more:

- In a hurry? [Watch this brief, 2-minute video about CAS.](#)
- Have more time? [Check out this self-paced, eLearning training about the benefits of CAS.](#)
- Learn about trends in [social work graduate admissions](#) and how data from CAS can give your program a competitive edge.
- E-mail SocialWorkCAS@cswe.org to request a virtual application demo