Begin the essay with these identifying points at the top of the document:

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- **ESSAY A**

Write the essay according to instructions below. After completion, save “**Essay A**”, for your records, then upload to your Admissions Profile in **ISIS**.

Evidence of a combination of personal qualities and professional experience will be provided through a statement of purpose and essays, references, and a resume. You are asked to visit the NASW website and review the **Code of Ethics**. The Admissions Committee will review the statement of purpose and essays with the following competencies in mind: communication skills, breadth and depth of experience, orientation to social work practice, social work values and ethics, ability to analyze and synthesize and emotional capacity and judgment. A demonstration of graduate level writing skills is expected.

**Essay A – Ethical Dilemma**

Provide an essay for the following. The essay may be up to 750 words:

A. Describe a real or hypothetical professional situation in which social work values and your personal values have been or could be in conflict (identify relevant values). Discuss how Social Work values and ethics did or would guide your behavior to resolve the conflict. It is expected that you will consult and use the NASW Code of Ethics in your essay.

**UPLOAD** Essay A. to your Admissions Profile in ISIS

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