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OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE 2009 SOCIAL WORK MASTERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF
AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA, KYRGYZSTAN, AND TAJIKISTAN

DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

I. Personal Information (*required information*) - If you are selected, the spelling of your name as written below will be used for visas and tickets. Please write neatly and accurately.

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____

Country of Residence: Gender: Will you have an undergraduate degree by 11/01/08?
 Azerbaijan Female Yes
 Georgia Male
 Kyrgyzstan
 Tajikistan

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____ Place of Birth (city / country): _____

Current Occupation: _____
 If student, indicate level: Master's Ph. D. Post-Doctoral

Place of Employment or Study: _____

II. Mailing Address (*required information*) - All mail will be sent to this address during the competition (Fall 2008 - Spring 2009). Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____ Country: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

III. Current Employer or University Address - Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Place of Employment or Study: _____

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____ Country: _____

Work phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

IV. Program Administration - How did you learn about the Program? Information used for statistical purposes only.

Educational Info. Center _____	Internet _____	Friend _____
Soros/OSI Office _____	Newspaper/Journal _____	Your University _____
Soros/OSI staff lecture _____	Radio _____	Your Workplace _____
Program Alumnus/Alumna _____	Television _____	Other _____

Have you previously applied to the Social Work Fellowship Program? Yes ___ No ___ Year(s) _____

Have you applied for other scholarships this year (OSI or non-OSI)? Yes ___ No ___ Which program(s)? _____

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PAPER AND ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE EQUALLY EVALUATED**

V. **Social Work Academic Program** (*required information*) - Graduate programs begin with learning the foundations of social work by studying theories, issues and practice methods dealing with both human behavior and the social environment. Students then choose a practice method and problem area. Please check ONE of each below. Please see the Academic Program sheet for more information.

What method of social work practice most interests you? (Check ONE from this list)

- Clinical Social Work / Family Therapy (Counseling)
- Generalist
- Social Administration / Management
- Social Policy
- Social Research

What social problem area most interests you? (Check ONE from this list)

- Children, Youth, and Families
- Gerontology
- School
- Work
- Contemporary Social Problems
- Health, Mental Health and Disabilities
- International Social Welfare and Services to Immigrants and Refugees
- Social and Economic Development (US and International)

VI. **Professional Experience** – List your most recent professional experience first. You will have more space on your resume/CV to write about other positions.

Example entry: *Our Children, children’s rights NGO (35 employees); Grant Officer, 9/04-10/05 (3 people supervised); Write grant proposals, 35 hours per week.*

Name & Type of Organization (# of employees)	Job Title & Dates of Employment (# of people supervised)	Job Responsibilities (hours worked per week)	Paid or Volunteer

VII. **Education** - List all educational institutions you have attended, beginning with the one attended most recently. **Example entry:** *University of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Psychology, “Gerchilgee”, 09/98 – 05/02, 05/02.*

Institution & Location	Major Field of Study (area of specialization)	Degree / Diploma (do not translate, write in Latin letters)	Dates of Study (starting & ending month / year)	Date Diploma Received (or expected)

VIII. Academic Awards - List any awards / grants / fellowships or honors you have received. Examples include: graduation from school with a medal, awards from an Olympiad, academic travel grants, etc. Include the following information: type of award, granting agency, name of award, year, duration of study, and amount.
Example entry: *Scholarship, IIE, Fulbright Fellowship for Master's in Public Health, 2002, 2 years, \$ unknown).*

IX. Research - List any scholarly or professional research you have done or are currently doing.

X. Publications - List any books, articles, or theses you have published, include title, publisher, place and date.

XI. Professional Association - List professional associations or other organizations you are involved with.

XII. Conferences/Workshops – List any social work-related conferences or workshops in which you have participated or presented. If you gave a presentation please write the topic in the last column.

Name of Conference/Workshop	Country	Dates	Participant or Presenter	Presentation Topic

XIII. Language Ability - Rate your reading, writing, comprehension and speaking skills in each language you know, include English and your native language. Use the ratings of *Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor*.

Language	Reading	Writing	Comprehension	Speaking
ENGLISH				
Native:				

XIV. International Experience - Please indicate ALL extensive (more than one month) travel, study, or work you have had outside your home country.

Country Visited	Length of Stay	Dates	Travel, Study or Work

XV. Essay - Write a detailed essay explaining your reasons for applying to the Social Work Masters Program. Explain how your background, education, and employment since completing secondary school have prepared you to study at the graduate level in the United States. What personal attributes do you possess that contribute to your abilities to be helpful to others? What specific area of social work most interests you? Explain what you hope to accomplish during your fellowship and how this experience will help you achieve your professional and personal goals, including what type of work or position you would like to have after completing the program. The length of your essay should not exceed two typed pages (500 words).

XVI. Required Order and Attachments - Please attach the following items to your application in the order given below. *Please see the Instructions sheet for details about submitting your application.*

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| 1. <i>Essay.</i> | 5. <i>Certified English translation of transcripts.</i> |
| 2. <i>Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV), in English.</i> | 6. <i>Official diplomas in original language.</i> |
| 3. <i>Three recommendation letters.</i> | 7. <i>Certified English translation of diplomas.</i> |
| 4. <i>Official university transcripts in original language.</i> | 8. <i>Photocopy of passport picture page (if available)</i> |

XVII. Certification - I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that the final approval of my application and my status as a program grantee is dependent on my placement at an appropriate U.S. university and on my ability to receive and maintain a U.S. J-1 visa. I understand that the purpose of the program is to obtain a graduate degree in social work from a U.S. university to enable me to pursue a profession in social work and to apply that knowledge in my home country. **I agree to return to my home country upon completion of the Fellowship.**

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008 TO THE OSI/SOROS OFFICE IN YOUR COUNTRY

AZERBAIJAN

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183 Suleyman Rahimov St., 4th floor.
Baku, AZ1014 Azerbaijan
Tel./ Fax ; (994 12) 48 28 45; 48 28 46
office@beic.osi-az.org
www.beic.aznet.org

GEORGIA

Open Society Georgia Foundation
International Student Advising Center
10a Chovelidze St.,
380008 Tbilisi, Georgia
Tel. (995 32) 93 89 99, Fax. 29 10 52
gaga@isac.osgf.ge
<http://www.osgf.ge/isac>

KYRGYZSTAN

Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan
Bishkek Resource Center
Logvinenko 55
720 040 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Tel./ Fax: (312) 66 34 48
rakia@soros.kg
<http://eng.soros.kg/functions/programs/foreign/advising>

TAJIKISTAN

Open Society Institute Tajikistan
1 Firdavsi Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan 734003
Tel.: (992 372) 211466; 211958; 214108; 213260
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osi@eicosi.tajik.net

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Please complete the following form. Your candid, honest response will assist in selecting successful candidates and placing them in programs that best meet their personal and academic requirements.

Name and Title (please print): _____

Academic Affiliation or Place of Employment: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In what capacity, and for how long, have you known the applicant? _____

Please list the courses you have taught the applicant, if applicable.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Applicant's Grade</u>

Please comment on the applicant's ability to contribute to the development of social work in their country.

How do you think the applicant will benefit from studying in a graduate program in the United States?

Overall Evaluation

Compared to other people you have taught or employed, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (circle the best answer)

Motivation	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Independence	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Effective communication skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
English language skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Respect for others	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Academic success	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent

Overall, how would you rate this applicant:

no basis poor average very good excellent One of the top students/employees I have encountered

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