AccessAbility

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Be Safe

DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

Located in the A - LEC

Your DASS Link login to access your DASS Link portal.



TOPICS



- HOUSING DEADLINES
- SIDDIQUE SCHOLARSHIP
- **♦ COMMUNICATE WITH PROFESSORS**
- LEARN MEDITATION
- SNL MEETING
- ZOOM SPACES AVAILABLE

Ryan Siddique Scholarship

The mission of the Ryan Siddique Scholarship Fund is to provide financial scholarships and support services to SMU students diagnosed with epilepsy. Deadline to apply is March 1st to be considered for the following Academic Year. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship must be in good standing with the University and provide:

- ◆ A 1-2 page essay discussing one or more of the following: why you should be selected for the scholarship (e.g., outstanding awards, community involvement), how epilepsy has impacted your life, and/or how the scholarship will benefit you.
- Include your name, student ID, email address, cumulative GPA, anticipated graduation date, phone number, and email to dass@smu.edu by 3/1/21.

Communicating with your Professors

You submitted your semester request-

Now What?

To finalize your accommodations with each professor, your next step is to contact each professor to discuss how to implement your accommodations in each class. That needs to take place as soon as you receive your letter in your DASS Link portal.

Our office expects DASS students to give their instructor "reasonable" notice of accommodations in advance of a test. Notifying your instructor 24 hours before a test just might not allow enough time to get your accommodations in place for that test! It is very important to plan ahead with your instructor so all expectations can be met.

Deadlines for Housing Requests

- ◆ If you're a student who <u>has a housing-related accommodation already</u>, check *DASS Link* for the expiration date of that accommodation (Accommodation>>Accessibility Request or Supplemental). If your accommodation expires before the fall semester and you believe you require that accommodation while living on campus in the fall, **please contact your DASS Coordinator before 2/19/21** to discuss whether the accommodation can be extended. Updated documentation may be required.

The SMU Institute for Leadership Impact

is conducting innovative research on meditation and mindfulness. They are recruiting undergraduate and graduate students in the DFW area to participate in our latest study.

Details are below.



Meditation can improve your health and well-being.

Participants will learn to mediate 9-20 minutes each day over a month. All activities are completed remotely.

Free subscription to meditation app at the completion of the study

To Sign on CLICK HERE

Students for New Learning

SNL is a chartered student organization for students with LD's or ADHD Join us next Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 5-6pm!

We've been through one semester of virtual and flex classes.

What did we learn?
Let's share our experiences, insights, and advice on how to make this semester even better!

Zoom Link:

https://smu.zoom.us/j/98426788413

Need a **ZOOM** Space?

Several spaces on campus have been designated as "Zoom Spaces" to provide a quiet place for students to participate in an online class or take a test.

Reservations are required

to use these spaces and you may

schedule up to a week out. The LEC also has quiet space in several rooms, including rm. 217, which is not being used currently. No reservation required but space is not guaranteed.