# **AccessAbility**

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## SMU

## DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

Located in the A - LEC

Your DASS Link login: https://smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/students/login

## Requesting DASS letters for Spring 2023 Semester

Welcome back to campus!

**Now** is the time to submit your "Semester Request" for your spring accommodation letters through DASS Link!
Instructions can be found on the DASS webpage

Select Accommodation >> Select Semester Request

- Be sure to "Review the Renewal" every time! Only check the classes you're enrolled in for that semester, and only the professors you want to receive an electronic letter, unchecking any classes you are no longer enrolled or don't want a particular accommodation included in your letter to your professor (maybe a non-classroom accommodation), be sure it is unchecked.
- Once you submit your semester request, a staff member will review and finalize your request and then a letter will be saved in your DASS Link account and you and your professors will receive email notifications.
- If you add a class to your schedule after you make your Semester Request, you must again follow the above steps to submit another accommodation renewal request for your new class. Only check the box for the new class.
- After the letter is electronically submitted and approved, it is very important that you communicate with your professor to discuss your testing needs and other accommodations. We repeat, you still need to communicate with each professor to discuss how to implement your needed accommodations. NOT meeting/communicating with your instructor could create a DELAY in you receiving your accommodations.
- Have a copy of your class schedule with you when you meet with your professor in order to determine how your accommodations will be handled and write down what is decided for your testing.

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https://shibboleth-smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/

### 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.

Award amounts vary between \$2,500 and \$5,000 (or less,

depending on the number of applicants) per year and are not automatically renewed.

Deadline to apply is March 1st, 2023 to be considered for NEXT ACADEMIC year. Preference is given to those who have not received funds before. If you are graduating this May or summer, you are not eligible to apply since this award will be for the next academic year.

Students who wish to apply for the scholarship must be in good standing with the University and provide:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Name, student ID, email address, cumulative GPA, anticipated graduation date, and phone number
- 3. Email application to the review committee,

#### **Proctored Testing**

If your professor is unable to proctor you themselves, contact the

**University Testing Center (UTC)** 

Exceptions would be a reader or scribe accommodation... Contact DASS office for instructions.

To schedule a proctored test at the UTC, login to DASS Link. The UTC is located in Clements Hall G15.