# **AccessAbility**

DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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

Located in the ALEC

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#### What can I see on DASS Link?

- ⇒ Your original accessibility request
- ⇒ The name of your DASS coordinator
- ⇒ Your past letters of accommodation
- ⇒ Current approved accommodations
- ⇒ Scheduled proctored tests at DASS &
- ⇒ Scheduled appointments with DASS staff

## Extra Mile Award Nominations

Every spring during the Hilltop Excellence ceremony, our "Students for New Learning" (SNL) organization presents 2 or 3 instructors with Extra Mile Awards. If you have ADHD or an LD, and an outstanding SMU instructor helped and inspired you, pay them back and nominate them for an Extra Mile Award!

Email David, DASS Learning Specialist, at <a href="mailto:dtylicki@smu.edu">dtylicki@smu.edu</a> with your nominees' names and a few sentences about how they "went the extra mile" for you.

Or better yet, attend our next SNL meeting, to nominate them, talk them up, <u>and</u> vote for them! <a href="https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/SuccessStrategies/">https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/SuccessStrategies/</a>

#### Kurzweil-Did You Know?

## 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 per year and are not automatically renewed. 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:





- 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. Include your name, student ID, email address, cumulative GPA, anticipated graduation date, phone number, and email to dass@smu.edu by 3/1/20.

### Where to Study ??

With all the spaces available to study in the library, which area is the best for you to study?

Take this Fondren study space quiz and get the answer!



https://blog.smu.edu/smulibraries/2019/03/03/fondren-librarystudy-space-quiz/

Still not sure how to access your DASS Accommodation Letters?

Check out DASS Link and the instructions for students on our website:

https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/ DASS/DASS-Link/StudentInstructions/ SemesterRequest

We also have a short video for Instructors, in case your professor doesn't know how to view your letter in their portal. <a href="https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/DASS-Link">https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/DASS-Link</a>

Listen to this podcast from DASS's Chandler Gobin on the intersection of disability and faith-based education:

This link is to Spotify, but you can find the podcast if you search "GRAACE360" on any website that produces podcasts:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/2y94iiJZ2JIONEnHqpmVFC?si=PdJrUxF1TaWelpfjRS277A

#### Eye strain? Migraines?

Check out these glasses that filter blue light and help gamers minimize eye strain. They might help those with migraines that are exacerbated by computer usage as well.

Inexpensive option: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01GN03G48/ref=oh-aui-detailpage-o04-s00?ie=UTF8&th=1">https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01GN03G48/ref=oh-aui-detailpage-o04-s00?ie=UTF8&th=1</a>

Pricier option:

https://shopfelixgray.com/

