

**TEXAS
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Disability Support Services
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Dear Student:

The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) assists students with disabilities attending Texas Woman's University by determining and recommending appropriate academic support services. In addition, DSS acts as a referral source for other services both on campus and in the community.

Students requesting services must complete an application form and provide our office with verification of their disabilities. Once registered, students are eligible to receive appropriate accommodations through the university. Disability Support Services assists students with disabilities through the provision of sign language interpreters, carbonless note taking paper, test accommodations, and other accommodations that are determined to be appropriate.

Once students are registered with DSS, the office will provide an accommodation request form, listing the student's specific accommodation requests. This form will be made available to the student, who will be responsible for acquiring signatures from his/her professors, and returning the form to this office.

Students should register with the Office of Disability Support Services early (if possible, prior to the semester in which they need accommodation) to help insure that all accommodations are in place by the beginning of the semester. Even if you do not believe that you will require accommodation in the upcoming semester, registration is still recommended.

We look forward to serving you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any of the numbers listed above, or by fax at (940) 898-3965.

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APPLICATION FOR SERVICE
Disability Support Services

To receive services from Disability Support Services, you must complete and return this form. The information requested is necessary if we are to assist you with appropriate support services. In order to receive assistance, you must be accepted through TWU's Office of Admissions. (This is not an application for admission to the University.)

Date of Application: _____

Major: _____

Undergraduate____ Masters Program____ Doctoral Program_____

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Emergency Contact:

Name/Relationship: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Confidentiality will be strictly maintained at all times.

Have you ever been tested or diagnosed as having a disability? _____

If yes, when? _____

Describe Disability* _____

*Include medical/diagnostic evaluation report(s) with this application which provide(s) evidence of above disability and its limitations to your mobility or academic performance. Please include a contact name, phone number, and address of physician/ diagnostician familiar with your disability.

Are you currently receiving assistance through:

Texas Rehabilitation Commission: _____

Texas Commission for the Blind: _____

Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing _____

Educational History:

High School

Name: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Did you receive support services in high school? _____

If yes, explain the type of services that you received: _____

Have you attended any educational institutions beyond high school?

Did you receive any support services there? _____

If yes, explain the type of services that you received: _____

When this application is complete, contact DSS to schedule an appointment with the coordinator to review your application and determine what accommodations are most appropriate for you.

In accordance with Leg. House Bill 1922, an individual is entitled to: request to be informed about the information collected about them; receive and review their information; and correct any incorrect information.

Disclosure of your social security number is required in order to be registered with Disability Support Services at Texas Woman's University. Your social security number will be used as a unique number to identify you. Any further disclosure of your social security number will be governed by the Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code).

Please initial that you have read this statement _____.

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DISABILITY VERIFICATION

Physical and Mobility Impairments

As a means of ensuring equal access to educational opportunity at Texas Woman's University for persons with disabilities, the Disability Support Services (DSS) office provides specialized services, which include advisement, advocacy, availability of adaptive equipment, information about community resources, and provision of direct services (readers, note-takers, tutors, interpreters, etc.). TWU students who have appropriate verification of disabilities are eligible for assistance from the DSS office.

Eligibility criteria includes:

1. Verification of diagnosis and severity of disabling condition from a qualified treating professional (i.e. physician or audiologist) provided by the student.
2. Detailed description of how this impairment **significantly limits a major life function in an educational setting.**

Specific documentation of a disability should include a description of the student's functional limitations in an educational setting, the severity and longevity of the condition, any psychosocial implications of the disability, a description of current treatment, and recommendations for additional treatment or assistance.

Please provide **COMPLETE** answers to **ALL** of the subsequent questions **ON PROFESSIONAL LETTERHEAD** regarding the following individual:

(Name of Student)

PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TYPEWRITTEN ON PROFESSIONAL LETTERHEAD

1. Specific diagnosis?
2. Date of diagnosis and last contact with student?
3. What instruments/procedures were used to diagnose the medical condition?
4. Describe symptoms that meet the criteria for this diagnosis with approximate date of onset.
5. In order for our staff to determine the impact of this student's disorder on academic activities such as test-taking, note taking and concentrating, please describe what major life activities are impacted by this disorder as well as the significance of the impact.
6. What measures were used to assess the educational impact of the disorder?
7. Recommendations regarding effective academic accommodations to equalize this student's educational opportunities at the post-secondary level?
8. Is this student taking medication? If so, what is the medication and does it need to be monitored locally?
9. With appropriate treatment (e.g. counseling, medication, etc.), does the student need the above services or accommodation? If so, why?
10. Please attach a copy of any diagnostic reports or educational assessments relevant to establishing a confidential case file with the DSS office.

Print Name and Title _____

License Number _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Date _____

Please return this information to the address listed on the first page – thank you!

AUTHORIZATION FOR INFORMATION RELEASE

I, _____ Student ID _____
 hereby authorize Disability Support Services (DSS) to discuss either in writing or orally,
 my academic adjustments or accommodations with appropriate administrators, instructors,
 professors, service providers, student assistants, and other persons deemed necessary by
 the DSS personnel for the purpose of providing and/or coordinating academic services for
 me at Texas Woman's University.

Student Signature	Date	Phone	
Current Address	City	Zip	E-mail

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SEMESTER

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II	Summer III	Year _____
[circle one]					

CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>Dept/Course / Section #</u> <small>[Example: UNIV/ 1000/01]</small>	<u>Days/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Professor</u>
_____/_____/_____	_____	_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____	_____	_____
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