



Deaf, Hard of Hearing Impairment Documentation Guidelines

Please complete the South Texas College of Law Houston online *Application for Accommodations and/or Services for Students with Disabilities* and submit the required documentation:

1. A copy of **PREVIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS**: An official notice of accommodations granted by high school, college, the SAT, ACT, LSAT, etc.
2. A **REPORT** from a qualified professional, as directed below, mandatory.
3. **Previous evaluations, if applicable.**
4. A *Personal Statement* may be required following review of documentation, particularly for students with new or transitory visual problems.

Submit a report from a qualified professional who conducted an individualized assessment and is recommending accommodations based on a hearing loss. An audiologist, speech and hearing specialist, or other qualified professional should make a formal diagnosis. Documentation should include the following:

- Describe the student's current diagnosis, including a clear statement of deafness or any degree of hearing loss with a current audiogram.
- Include a statement as to whether the condition is stable or progressive. If hearing is stable, include a statement to that effect and the most recent documentation will usually be sufficient. Hearing loss of a changing nature, requiring changes to accommodations may need to be documented more frequently. Information should also include age of onset, diagnosis, and prognosis.
- Include a narrative report describing procedures used to make the diagnosis, evaluation results, and clinical impressions.
- Include a detailed description of functional limitations on major life activities as a result of a hearing loss. Deficits may include, but are not limited to: impact on ability to utilize standard educational materials, note-taking ability, etc.
- Describe recommended accommodations, directly related to functional limitations described above.
- Describe recommended services, strategies, or other supports, including assistive technology that may benefit the individual in a higher education environment, including suggestions about how assistive technology may be used and has been used.

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Please be advised that the information provided by your medical practitioner to document the presence of a disability may be insufficient to determine the most appropriate accommodations required to eliminate barriers caused by the disability. Additional information may be requested that will better assist us in determining the best approach to meeting your accommodation requests.

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