The Office of Disability Services (ODS) at Texas State University is dedicated to ensuring the equal access to all university programs and activities for students with disabilities through the coordination of academic accommodations and support services. Texas State students should contact the ODS to discuss the services the office can provide and how to register with the office. It is the student’s responsibility to provide documentation of their disability. Forms of documentation include the student’s self-report and evidence from external sources (e.g., medical records, school records).

Texas State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the recruitment and admission of students or in the operation of any of its programs and activities. Students with disabilities must meet the same admission requirements as all other prospective students. If a student believes their educational and/or personal goals for success have been negatively impacted due to disability-based reasons, then they may address these issues in the supplemental essay portion of the admission application. Students needing sign language or oral interpreting services for meetings with Admissions, the Office of Disability Services, or their academic advisor should contact the ODS at least one week prior to the event to ensure interpreter availability.

Students with disabilities may receive financial assistance from the following entities: Federal Student Aid, which is an Office of the U.S. Department of Education; the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC); the Texas State University Financial Aid and Scholarships and the Office of Disability Services.

The Office of Disability Services has a procedure for enrolled students to file a concern they may have with a faculty and/or staff member related to their accommodations. Students have the option to raise their concern to a grievance if they feel it is appropriate; however, an ODS staff member may raise a concern into a grievance if deemed appropriate. Texas State University has established grievance procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints related to accommodations associated with a disability and illegal discrimination on the basis of disability, which are outlined respectively in the ODS Dispute Resolution Procedure and UPPS No. 04.04.46 (http://www.txstate.edu/effective/UPPS/UPPS-04-04-46.HTML), “Prohibition of Discrimination”. Students who have concerns or complaints should contact the ODS Case Manager and/or Director at 512-245-3451 or ods@txstate.edu (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/general-information/disability-services/ods@txstate.edu).