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 and schedule an appointment with a specialist to discuss the academic accommodations process including how to register with the office and how to provide documentation of a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to get diagnosed or documentation for a disability from a certified professional (e.g., psychologist, psychiatrist, or physician) for the ODS to establish the student’s need for appropriate accommodations.

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. A student whose educational and/or personal goals for success have been negatively impacted due to disability-based reasons may wish to address this in the supplemental essay portion of the admission application. Students needing sign language or oral interpreting services for admissions counseling, disability counseling and/or academic advising should contact the ODS at least one week prior to the event to ensure interpreter availability.

Students with disabilities may receive financial assistance from Federal Student Aid: An Office of the U.S. Department of Education, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), and Texas State University including 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 Grievance Procedures for Students with Disabilities 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 the university Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 512-245-2278.