

Blind/Visual Impairment

Provider conducting the assessment, rendering a diagnosis, and providing recommendations for reasonable accommodations must be qualified to do so and a current treating licensed provider that the student has an established, therapeutic, relationship with (e.g., optometrist, ophthalmologist, neurologist, licensed medical specialist).

Vision impairments ranging from low vision to blindness may affect a student's academic functioning while in college. Documentation submitted in relation to a vision impairment must state a student's current functional limitations, and may require periodic updates if there are changes in the student's functioning. The nature of the specific vision impairment and its impact on the student should be reflected in the documentation submitted to SAS.

Submit a letter from your current licensed treating mental health provider that provides ALL of the following information.

At minimum, the providers letters are required to have the following information included:

- A current diagnosis of blind/visual impairment (DSM-V or ICD-10 diagnosis)
- A detailed description of the symptoms associated, including the severity, frequency, and specific impact for the student in the higher education environment
- A connection to how these symptoms elevate to the level of disability
- Current treatment methods for disability related symptoms
- Any recommendations the provider has for reasonable accommodations, based on the impact of these stated symptoms, in the higher education environment
- Provider's practice and complete contact information, including length of treatment
- Provider's signature
- Provider's documentation letter must be dated for the current valid school year, all housing accommodations are updated on a yearly basis.

You may also submit a copy of your most recent 504 Plan, IEP, Re/Evaluation Report and/or any visual testing that has occurred if you would like us to review in our determination of eligibility related to your accommodation request.

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