The University of the State of New York / The State Education Department

READERS AID PROGRAM

To Apply:

Interested students should visit the Readers Aid Program web site at: http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/readers-aid-program-rap-glance for a "Student Application for Readers Aid Program Funds" and contact their college's Disability Services Office to apply.

Questions: Contact the Disabilities Services Office at your college or university for Readers Aid Program information or contact:

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Funding is available to support matriculated students who are deaf, deaf blind, or blind to purchase note takers, provide reader services and/or interpreter services. (Readers Aid Program funds cannot be used for tuition, maintenance fees, tutoring, guide services, or textbooks.)

Are You Eligible?

Eligible students must: Have a severe to profound hearing loss (70dB or more) or a speech discrimination of less than 70%;
OR

Be legally blind (meaning 20/200 vision in the better eye (with best correction)

AND

Be a legal resident of New York State;
Be matriculated or actively working to earn a certificate through a degree granting institution of higher education approved by the New York State Board of Regents.

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