

## VWC Disability Eligibility Form

In compliance with the law (Section 504, Rehabilitation Act and the American with Disabilities Act, ADA), Virginia Wesleyan College is committed to providing student with disabilities reasonable accommodations. There are specific guidelines for receiving accommodations and services under ADA.

### **Do I qualify for Disability Accommodations?**

Any student who has a **documented disability** can **receive accommodations**. The evidence of having a disability is determined by Disability staff by applying Federal standards (*Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended in 2008*) In ADA a *disability* is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

To become eligible to receive accommodation you should bring information that shows you have a disability. The information should come from a licensed professional such as a psychologist. Documents must be recent (happened at least in the past 3 to 4 years). Information should state an actual disability diagnosis and be linked to having a negative effect on learning.

When disability staff reviews all your documents, he/she will either say that you are eligible for accommodation due to having a disability or that you need more or different documentation to become eligible. Staff will let you know about your eligibility in person, or by email or phone. You can then sit down with disability staff to discuss your needed accommodations.