Guests with Disabilities

Jefferson College welcomes family members and guests with disabilities on Commencement Day, Saturday, May 16, 2015. Graduates are strongly encouraged to obtain accessible seating tickets for guest with disabilities as soon as possible by contacting or visiting the Disability Support Services Office, located in Room 110 inside the Library Building, (636) 797-3000 ext. 3158 or (636) 481-3158 or by email to: lbisch1@jeffco.edu.

Accessible seating is available for guests with disabilities in the Field House. Accessible seating tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will be distributed until tickets are gone. Jefferson College will make every effort to accommodate guests with disabilities without accessible seating tickets the day of Commencement, however accessible seating is limited and advanced planning is strongly encouraged.

In order to accommodate as many individuals with disabilities as possible in the reserved seating area, individuals with an accessible seating ticket will be permitted to have no more than three companions accompany them into accessible seating. Graduates will be issued a ticket for the guest with a disability and their companions; not to exceed four tickets.

Additional questions regarding accessible seating needs for Commencement events should be directed to lbisch1@jeffco.edu.

Students with Disabilities

Graduates participating in Commencement ceremonies needing accommodations should contact the Disability Support Services Office, located in Room 110 inside the Library Building, (636) 797-3000 ext. 3158 or (636) 481-3158 or by email to: lbisch1@jeffco.edu.

An ASL interpreter will be present at the Commencement ceremonies.
FAQ’s

**Question:** My son is graduating from Jefferson College and we, his family, will be attending Commencement. We have one individual needing wheelchair seating, how can you assist us?

**Answer:** Graduates are strongly encouraged to obtain accessible seating tickets for guests with disabilities as soon as possible by contacting or visiting the Disability Support Services Office, located in Room 110 inside the Library Building, (636) 797-3000 ext. 3158 or (636) 481-3158 or by email to: lbischl@jeffco.edu. In order to accommodate as many individuals with disabilities as possible in the reserved seating area, individuals with an accessible seating ticket will be permitted to have no more than three companions accompany them into accessible seating.

**Question:** How do I get a ticket for a companion?

**Answer:** When graduates obtain accessible seating tickets for guests with disabilities they will specify the need for a companion ticket; not to exceed three tickets for guests.

**Question:** May another member of my family sit in the accessible section with my grandmother?

**Answer:** Yes, each person with a ticket into the accessible seating area may have up to three companions sit with him/her in the accessible seating section; not to exceed four tickets. Important note: The companion must also have a ticket into the accessible seating section.

**Question:** I am a degree candidate and my father is disabled and uses a walker. What seating options does he have?

**Answer:** You may request a ticket for him to one of the accessible seating sections. Your father may also sit in the general seating section.

**Question:** I will be attending the Commencement ceremonies and will need accessible parking close to the entrance. How do I reserve a space?

**Answer:** Accessible parking will be available the day of Commencement. Inform a parking attendant that accessible parking is needed upon entrance to the campus. Transportation services from your vehicle to the field house are available if necessary. Please inform a parking attendant, the day of Commencement, for this service.
**Question:** I am deaf and will be attending my nephew's Commencement. How do I request an interpreter?

**Answer:** The Commencement Day ceremonies will be ASL interpreted in the accessible seating area. You will need a ticket for admittance to the accessible seating area.

**Question:** My mother, who is blind, will be attending Commencement. Is it possible to provide her with a Braille copy of the Commencement Program?

**Answer:** Contact the College’s Disability Support Services Office at least 3 weeks in advance of Commencement activities in order to provide a Braille copy of the Commencement Program. Transcripts of the Commencement ceremonies are also available upon request; please allow three business days.

*The Jefferson College Disability Support Services Office strives to ensure that all graduates and guests fully participate in the Commencement program.*