



Thank you for your interest in joining the SOAR program on Lively Technical College Campus in Tallahassee, Florida. SOAR serves Intellectually Disabled (InD) students, who are interested in earning a certificate and in finding meaningful employment.

How to Apply

Contact Judith Husband, SOAR Program Coordinator
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Or visit the SOAR Office:
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STEP ONE:

Interested students must **mail, email or drop off** the following:

- 1.) documentation of an intellectual disability
- 2.) the SOAR Application Form

For eligibility purposes, **#1)** students must provide a document regarding a previous educational placement such as an IEP or a 504 plan from high school and/or a documented disability letter from a licensed psychologist.

Students without documentation should contact Vocational Rehabilitation for assistance with testing to obtain a document to prove the student's intellectual disability.

STEP TWO:

Once all three forms are received, the Program Coordinator will review eligibility. We will only be accepting 8-10 students in our first group. Some applicants will be

invited for a more in-depth interview. The other applicants will be notified within fifteen days if an invitation to interview will not be extended at this time.

STEP THREE:

The Program Coordinator will invite selected students to an in-depth interview. Application appointments usually take one to one and a half hours. During the interview session, students should be prepared to discuss their answers on the original application, and to respond using several self-reporting questionnaires and assessments.

The interview process will be person-centered. Unique abilities students who are transitioning into college programs will have a voice in expressing personal preferences, beliefs, interests and abilities, and the opportunity to plan their own future with the support and encouragement of other adults in their lives. Parents and caregivers are welcome at appointments by the student's invitation.

STEP FOUR:

Students who are accepted into the SOAR program will be notified within fifteen days following the interview. Those not accepted at this time will also be contacted within fifteen days.

Final Decisions will be based upon:

- 1.) a documented disability
- 2.) an interest in attending college, earning a certificate, and being employed
- 3.) ability and willingness to work with others

SOAR Application Form

Student Name:	Date Completed:
Address:	
Student Phone:	Student Email:
Parent/Caregiver Phone:	Parent Email:

1. Describe student's personal strengths, interests, abilities:

2. Does the student like school work/ homework? Work well independently?

3. Why does this student want to continue their educational studies?

4. Does the student have any paid or unpaid work experience? Describe.

5. Are you already working with a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselor? Who?

6. Describe this student's communication skills.

7. Does the student use any assistive technology?

8. How does this student handle stress?

9. Does the student have any close friends? Who? What relationship?

10. Does the student have any hobbies?

11. Does the student have any health concerns or allergies?

12. Please list any other notes:

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