Dear Student:

Students from your college or university who have been experiencing academic difficulties or have a history of learning disorders have been assigned to The Regents Center for Learning Disorders at Georgia State University (RCLD) for evaluation. We are looking forward to meeting you, and helping you in whatever way we can. Toward the front of this packet, you will find a document called "Instructions for Completing the RCLD Packet," which will provide specific information about how to complete all the enclosed application materials. The Disability Services Provider (DSP) who gave you this application packet can also answer questions you have about completing the enclosed forms. We also suggest that you go to our website at www.gsu.edu/rcld to get more information about our Center and the assessment process.

Your completion of the enclosed forms will help us accurately and completely assess your learning strengths and weaknesses. All of the information must be collected before you can be scheduled for an evaluation. **If your packet is not complete, it may delay your evaluation**, as the Center will need to contact you to obtain the missing information before scheduling your first appointment.

**The full cost of the evaluation is $500.**

- **$250 non-refundable deposit** must accompany your application packet when it is returned to the RCLD (to reserve your first appointment and prepare for your evaluation). **Make check payable to RCLD at Georgia State University**
- **The remaining $250 is to be paid on or before the first testing session.**

You may pay with cash, check, or credit card. If you are paying by check, make the check payable to Georgia State University.

If the $500 fee would create a hardship for you, discuss financial options with your DSP, such as private insurance, Student Aid, or vocational rehabilitation funds. We have enclosed a document in this packet that may help you arrange for the payment of your evaluation at the RCLD (“Possible Sources of Financial Assistance”).

**Once we receive the completed packet,** you will be contacted and scheduled for eight hours of testing, typically scheduled over two days of 4 to 4½ hours each. However, it is not unusual for students to need an additional session or two to complete the testing to fit their work speed and need for breaks, or to gather additional test data to better understand their learning difficulties.

**Cancellation Policy.** Students are encouraged not to cancel appointments for any reason, except illness or emergency. Please see cancellation policy enclosed within your packet for further details.
After the testing has been completed, you will be contacted within approximately 4 weeks to schedule a 1 to 1½ hour feedback session with the psychologist. You are welcome to invite other people to attend this session. Evaluation findings will be discussed, as well as recommendations and suggestions for you, the DSP, and your instructors.

With your written permission, your DSP will be notified directly after your feedback meeting, so that your referral concerns can be addressed as soon as possible. You will then receive a detailed written psychological report in the mail. It will document the information discussed in the feedback meeting, including your disability diagnosis, if appropriate, and the RCLD’s recommendations. If you have been diagnosed with a disability and academic accommodations have been recommended, you will need to provide your DSP a copy of your report. Your DSP cannot offer you accommodations without this important documentation. This report will not be shared with anyone else, including your instructors, without your written permission.

Again, we look forward to working with you to help you better understand your learning strengths and weaknesses and find strategies that can promote your academic success.

Sincerely,

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