**Frequently Asked Questions for Note Takers:**

1. **How do I apply to be a Note Taker?**

2. **What are sample notes used for?**
   a. The sample notes are reviewed by students with an approved note taking accommodation to help them determine which approved Note Taker they would like to choose to provide notes for them.

3. **How do I upload sample notes?**
   b. Potential Note Takers must upload sample notes for each course for which they are interested in being a Note Taker. The application process is not complete until sample notes have been uploaded for each course.

4. **How does the Note Taker selection process work?**
   a. Once your profile and sample notes have been uploaded, students with an approved note taking accommodation will have the option to review all sample notes and select a note taker based on these samples. You will be contacted via email, if selected to be a Note Taker.

5. **Can I be a Note Taker for multiple classes?**
   a. Yes, students are encouraged to apply to take notes for any classes in which they are currently enrolled.

6. **What if I am not selected for the current semester?**
   a. The demand for a Note Taker changes every semester, so if you are not selected during the current semester, please do not be discouraged. The ADS welcomes you to reapply in all future semesters.

7. **What do I do if I drop/withdraw from the course for which I was a Note Taker?**
   a. Email adsnotetaking@umd.edu to inform them of your schedule change.

8. **What do I do if the student I was performing the note taking service for drops/withdraws from the class?**
   a. Email adsnotetaking@umd.edu to discuss how this change impacts your compensation.

9. **Will the student I am sharing notes with know my identity/contact information?**
   a. Yes. The ADS student will see your name and email address.

10. **Will I know the identity/contact information of the student with whom I am sharing notes?**
    a. No. By using the online portal, Note Takers will only see a need for notes in a class (ex. History 100), but the identity and contact information of the person receiving notes is confidential (unless they choose to identify themselves by contacting you).

11. **Can I become a Note Taker for a friend in my class?**
a. Yes. If you have created a profile and uploaded a sample of your notes, your peers are welcome to select you as their Note Taker.

12. How do I get paid for my note taking?
   a. In order to get paid, Note Takers must complete all payroll forms. ADS Note Taking will contact you to inform you of the process for completing the necessary forms. Failure to complete forms in a timely manner, could delay your compensation.

13. What type of payment do I receive?
   a. Note takers are compensated for sharing notes throughout the semester via a one-time payment that is disbursed at the end of the semester. Compensation is based on the number of weeks you provide notes, the number of credits of each course, and whether the course is undergraduate or graduate level.

14. Can I get paid for taking notes in multiple classes?
   a. Yes. Your payment is correlated to the number of classes in which you provide notes for an ADS student.

15. How do I complete my payroll paperwork?
   a. Note Takers must schedule and attend a meeting with Ms. Virgie Evano-Williams to complete this process. Appointments can be made by calling 301-314-7682.

16. What should I do if I miss class?
   a. If you are unable to attend class, it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute Note Taker for that day.
   b. If your absence will be long term (i.e. missing multiple days or weeks of class), it would not be appropriate for you to remain the Note Taker.

17. What should I do on days there is an exam or no class due to a snow day/professor absence?
   a. You should upload a file/document that briefly explains why there are no notes for the day (i.e. snow day or exam).

18. How do I contact ADS note taking staff with questions/concerns?
   a. Email adsnotetaking@umd.edu directly with your questions or concerns.

19. What are some helpful tips to being a Note Taker?
   a. It is useful to upload a sample related to the course you are offering to take notes for (uploading math notes for a math course).
   b. If you plan on handwriting your notes, upload a sample of handwritten notes; likewise if you plan on typing your notes, upload a sample of typed notes.
   c. If you are uploading handwritten notes, please ensure your writing is legible and the scan is clear.
   d. List the date at the top of your notes.
   e. List the course and section at the top of your notes.
   f. Number each page of your notes.