

Housing Accommodations for Disabilities – Third Party Professional Form

Reasonable Housing Accommodations Policy

Residential living is central to the Juniata College experience, and all full-time students are required to live in college-owned housing per the residency requirement. Juniata College recognizes the importance of providing reasonable accommodations in its housing policies and practices when necessary for individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the College Residential Life program. A disability must substantially limit one or more major life activity, such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, and working.

Please note the following about reasonable housing accommodations:

1. Juniata College strives to accommodate students with disabilities within our existing college-owned housing options. An accommodation to live off campus (in non-Juniata housing) is only granted under unusual circumstances and after all efforts to accommodate on campus have been exhausted.
2. Living within the Juniata community and learning to share space and be considerate of others is part of the residential college learning experience. Requests for single rooms as an accommodation based solely on a desire to have a quiet, undisturbed place to study or because an individual does not want to have a roommate are not typically approved. Requests for single rooms are approved when there is a disability-related barrier to accessing residential college living.

Student’s Name: _____

3rd Party Professional Contact Information

Name (print clearly): _____

Professional Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Signature of 3rd Party Professional

Date

License Type: _____

License #: _____

State (in which the license was issued): _____

Documentation Requirements

To evaluate reasonable housing accommodation requests based on medical, psychological, or disability-related conditions accurately and equitably, Juniata College will need current and appropriate documentation to understand how the requested housing assignment relates to the current impact of the student's condition. For those with medically-related conditions, such documentation generally consists of an evaluation by an appropriate professional providing treatment for the condition. In particular, documentation from a reliable third party professional should include:

1. Documentation, as appropriate, of the condition or need that is the basis of the request for reasonable housing accommodations;
2. A clear description of the specific housing need and/or configuration;
3. An explanation of how the request relates to the impact of the condition;
4. An indication of the level of need for the recommended housing configuration (and the consequences of not receiving the accommodation); and
5. Possible alternatives if the recommended configuration is not possible.

Please respond to the inquiries above and submit your responses via an attached memo on your letterhead with signature. Please submit this form and your documentation to Patricia Klug, Coordinator of Disability Services, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652; Email: klugp@juniata.edu; Fax: 814-641-5838.

Requests for reasonable housing accommodation with supporting documentation are reviewed by the Interim Director of Academic Support with consultation from the Office of Residential Life. All information is considered confidential.