

Simmons University / Request for Accessible Housing Accommodations

Accessible Housing Accommodations are provided on a case-by-case basis due to documented disabilities. To qualify as a disability covered under the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA), the student must have a current condition that substantially limits a major life activity, and the accommodation requested must be deemed reasonable and appropriate. A diagnosis, in and of itself, does not automatically qualify the student for the requested accommodations. All criteria listed on the *Treating Practitioner's Verification of Disability/Illness* form must be met.

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Student e-mail: _____

Date of Request: _____

I am a (check one): returning student freshman student
 transfer student I am applying for readmission to the University

I am requesting housing accommodations for the:

Fall Semester Spring Semester Winter Intersession Summer in the YEAR: 20____

- Please check the housing Accessibility Accommodation(s) you are requesting for the time period specified above.
- In order for your request to be considered, you must complete and submit this form **and** the **Treating Practitioner's Verification of Disability/Illness Related to Request for Accessible Housing Accommodations** form.
- These completed forms **must** be signed and submitted through OAS's secure file transfer link (<https://filetransfer.simmons.edu/form/OAS>) for processing. All requests are reviewed on a regular basis.
- The housing assignment you will be offered will be in accordance with your class rank and your total earned academic credits.
- Communication regarding your housing assignment will occur sometime within the regular assignment notification period: Returning students participating in the Housing Selection process will be informed after the Continued Occupancy (CO) process, but before the general housing lottery. New incoming freshmen and transfer students entering in Fall will learn of their specific housing assignment no later than the 1st week of August, while newly admitted students entering in the spring semester will be notified in early January.
- ESA requests fall under the *Fair Housing Act* (FHA) and not the ADA, as they are generated by a student's request to waive a University's "no animals" policies. As such, ESA requests and authorizations are not "accommodations" as established by the ADA.

Accessibility Accommodation(s) Requested:

(If requesting more than one item from the list below, please rank in order of necessity/priority for your equal access, as some of these items are not available in all Residence Halls.) Student must complete personal statement on page 2.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Room | <input type="checkbox"/> No Top Bunk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Floor Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Occupancy Bathroom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location without stairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed-shaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> Illumination Strobe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing on the Main Campus | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-allergens environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Dietary Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Carpet | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Emotional Support Animal*</u> |

*If you are requesting an ESA as a housing accommodation, you will need to complete additional paperwork as part of your request. Please click on the hyperlink above to access our ESA Information and Request Packet.

Student Statement: Based on my medical/physical/psychiatric diagnosis, I am requesting the housing accommodation(s) above to allow me to fully use and participate in residential housing for the following reasons:

Student's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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