Roger Williams University

Request for Accessible Residential 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: ____________________________@g.rwu.edu      Date of Request: _______________________

I am a (check one):      ___ returning/current student      ___ incoming 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 Verification of Disability for Accessible Housing Accommodations form.
- These completed forms must be signed, scanned and e-mailed to Student Accessibility Services (sas@rwu.edu) 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 below, you must rank in order of necessity/priority for your equal access, as some of these items are not available in all Residence Halls. Your request will be returned if not ranked.
- Student must complete personal statement on page 2.

☐ Single Room   ☐ No Top Bunk
☐ First Floor Location   ☐ Low-Occupancy Bathroom
☐ Location without stairs   ☐ Bed-shaker
☐ Wheelchair Accessible   ☐ Illumination Strobe
☐ Housing on the RWU Main Campus   ☐ Low-allergens environment
☐ Dietary Restrictions   ☐ Air Conditioning
☐ No Carpet   ☐ Emotional Support Animal*
☐ Other ______________________________________________________
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:

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* Emotiona Support Animals (ESA) must be appropriate for an indoor environment. Size, breed, species, and age restrictions apply (for example: no reptiles, birds, hedgehogs, puppies).

The Fair Housing Act defines an emotional support animal as any animal that provides emotional support, well-being, or companionship that alleviates or mitigates symptoms of the disability; the animal is not individually trained. Emotional support animals are not limited to dogs and can be other species of animal. Emotional support animals are not considered service animals. In order to bring an emotional support animal to campus, the requesting student must submit this request form and the Treating Practitioner’s Verification of Disability form to SAS following the instructions at http://rwu.edu/campus-life/housing-dining/living-rwu/accessibility-requests-housing. Animals should not be brought to campus prior to approval being granted. Size, breed and species, and age restrictions are listed in the chart below.

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<td>Dog</td>
<td>Service</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Dog</td>
<td>Emotional Support</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Dogs must be at least one year old</td>
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<td>Cat</td>
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<td>Emotional Support</td>
<td>Tank less than 10 gallons</td>
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<td>Small Caged Animals</td>
<td>Emotional Support</td>
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<td>No hedgehogs, sugar gliders, rodents, exotics, wild animals, etc.</td>
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Student’s signature: ______________________________________ Date: __________________________

The policies/procedures of Roger Williams University and Student Accessibility Services are guided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 both national laws that protect qualified individuals from discrimination based on their disability. The goal and mission of SAS: to provide equal access to educational and co-curricular programs and campus activities to qualified individuals with disabilities.

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