

## McDaniel College Student Accessibility and Support Services Documentation Guidelines and Procedure:

### Housing Accommodations

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS) offers housing accommodations to students with disabilities when appropriate. A disability is defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act as “a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities.” Major life activities may include, but are not limited to seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, thinking, concentrating, reading, communicating, etc. A temporary impairment may include a severe illness, injury, or condition caused by a traumatic event.

A typical housing assignment at McDaniel College consists of two- or three- persons in a room with a communal bathroom in the hallway. A reasonable housing accommodation for a documented disability is not the same thing as needing a quiet space to study or having particular living preferences. Student residence halls are not designed to be academic spaces and students needing a quiet place to study should utilize the library, study rooms, or other quiet spaces on campus. Roommate differences can be addressed by the Office of Residence Life through roommate mediation, roommate agreements, or if necessary, a room change.

Students with physical disabilities (e.g. wheelchair users, mobility impairments, etc.) and/or sensory disabilities (e.g. blind, deaf, etc.) should contact Student Accessibility and Support Services to ensure accessible housing.

Applications for housing accommodations are due no later than **June 1<sup>st</sup>** for incoming first-year or transfer students. Students will receive additional information if their housing accommodation request has been approved after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Returning students must submit requests by the deadline for the housing deposit for the upcoming Fall semester.

#### Housing Accommodation Requirements:

1. Submit the [online accommodation registration form](#) with SASS
2. Submit [Housing Accommodations Provider Form](#) which will be completed by the student's health care professional
3. Complete intake meeting with SASS

#### Please Note:

- SASS reserves the right to request additional documentation when needed to provide detailed information regarding barriers the disability causes to a student's living situation.
- While the housing accommodation may be approved through the SASS office, room placement is dependent upon availability through the Office of Residence Life.