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## Understanding the Process for Requesting Reasonable Housing Accommodations.

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I have read and understand the information below

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Housing Request Information:

Albright College provides reasonable housing accommodations for a student with a disability as defined by the ADA and the Fair Housing Act. The student must provide documentation from a licensed, qualified professional (medical doctor, neuropsychologist, psychologist, CRNP, etc.) that substantiates that the student has a physical or mental impairment that significantly limits a major life activity and that the requested accommodation is necessary to afford the student equal access. The Request for Reasonable Housing Accommodations form is a required supplement to the Accommodations Request packet and Disability Verification Form and should be submitted with the required documentation outlined in the Albright College Documentation Standards. **Housing requests will not be evaluated until all the required documentation is submitted.**

The request for housing accommodations and accompanying documentation may be reviewed by a health care professional at Albright College and the Director of Student Accessibility and Advocacy (SAA) who will determine the validity and reasonability of housing requests. SAA will consult with Residential Life to evaluate the student's current living arrangements and to coordinate any necessary accommodations or modifications to the living environment. **In submitting a request for housing accommodations, the student agrees to release documentation to these offices as necessary for the evaluation of and coordination of requested accommodations. The student will be notified of the final determination.**

The student must have completed a Housing Contract before submitting a Request for Reasonable Housing Accommodations. Requests will not be processed if the student does not have a contract.

A request for housing accommodations may be submitted and considered at any time; however, if the request for accommodations is made after the deadlines below, Albright College cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the individual's accommodation needs during the first semester or term of occupancy. If the need for the accommodation arises when an individual already resides in residential housing, he/she should contact the SAA Office as soon as practicably possible. Albright cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the accommodation needs during the semester or term in which the request is received. If you wish for your housing preferences (residence hall, roommate, etc.) to be considered, the request must be received by the deadlines as well.

- Fall Semester
  - Returning Students: April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - New Students: June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Semester
  - New and Returning Students: November 15<sup>th</sup>

Housing Accommodations, if approved, will supersede any preferences indicated in the housing contract. If the request is submitted before the dates above, the college will attempt to honor your requests, unless to do so, would result in a living arrangement that is in opposition to your approved accommodations. If you submit your request after the dates noted above, or if your accommodations cannot be met with your selected preferences, you will be assigned to a space that will meet the accommodation(s) required due to your functional limitations. Any room assignment due to a disability will only accommodate the student requiring the accommodation. Accommodations do not apply to any roommate requests, and SAA does not displace students currently living in college housing due to another student's accommodation request.

Requested accommodations cannot supersede safety regulations set by the city, state, or other governing bodies.

Reasonable housing accommodations, when approved, take effect immediately based on housing availability. Albright cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the accommodation needs during the semester or term in which the request is received. Requests cannot be submitted for future semesters without addressing the current assignment, and a request to hold a reassignment will not be honored.

**Room Assignment Changes:**

Housing accommodations may limit where a student can reside based on residence hall environments and current room availability. Once housing accommodations are approved, the following will occur:

- Residential Life will collaborate with SAA to determine which available residence hall can meet the student's needs or if any adjustments need to be made to the student's physical room.
- If the student elects to live in a residence hall that has been pre-determined to be single rooms for the Albright student body, the student will be required to pay the housing expenses for that room. The only exception would be if the student medically requires a single room and there are no other single rooms available on campus where the student's medical needs can be accommodated.
- Should the student wish to move to another room where the medical need cannot be met, the college may require the student to submit, in writing, documentation from a medical professional stating that the approved accommodations are no longer medically necessary or that the professional feels the new requested living space will not jeopardize the student's medical needs or safety. If such documentation is not available, the student must verify, in writing, that he/ she understands that the accommodation cannot be met by the selected room and that if the accommodation would be required for future semesters, the Request for Reasonable Housing Accommodations would need to be resubmitted and re-evaluated. In the latter instance, SAA, residential life and/ or Gable Health professionals will review the request and make a final determination to accept or deny the new housing request.
- If a student is moved to a new room to address a temporary medical need, the student will return to their original college housing once they have been medically cleared by their provider.

If the provider returns the verification form without sufficient information for SAA to determine whether an accommodation is necessary, the Director of SAA may request additional information, including speaking directly with the individual supplying the verification form. The individual making the request for accommodation must cooperate with SAA in a timely manner in providing all the information needed to determine whether the requested accommodating is necessary.

Albright College reserves the right to change or update this process at any time.