

Housing Accommodations

Whitman College is committed to providing meaningful and accessible residential experiences for all students. In an effort to effectively respond to student requests for housing accommodations, please read through the following information.

Students interested in housing accommodations based on a medical, psychological, physical, or other disability-related impairment may submit their request for accommodations to Disability Support Services (DSS).

It is important to note that the housing assignments for accommodations are based on availability and follow the Residence Life and Housing deadlines. If a student is approved for a housing accommodation but an appropriate placement is not available at that time, the student will be notified of the approved accommodation and relevant information about availability. In order to increase your chances of receiving an appropriate housing assignment, please submit the Housing Accommodation Request Form and documentation well in advance of the new semester.

To formally submit a housing accommodation request, all students must:

1. Complete the Housing Application with the Residence Life and Housing Office.
2. Submit the Housing Accommodation Request by completing the online disability accommodation request form.
3. Submit documentation of the disability that supports the request. Appropriate documentation should meet the criteria set forth in the Housing Documentation Guidelines below.

PLEASE NOTE: There are different steps for students requesting housing accommodations for the first time (including incoming students) and for current Whitman students who already have accommodations. Please see below for the different steps involved.

For First-Time Students Requesting Accommodations at Whitman College

1. Incoming students refer to the [Residence Life and Housing website](#).
2. Complete the [Online Application](#). Please be as specific as possible to ensure that we understand your situation.
3. Upload, email, mail or fax documentation (see Housing Documentation Guidelines and form below).
4. Schedule an intake meeting with DSS staff to discuss possible accommodations. Please be aware that accommodations may be delayed if documentation is not available at the time of your intake appointment.

5. If accommodations are agreed upon, the Residence Life and Housing Office and the student will be notified of approved housing accommodations.

Current Whitman Students with DSS Accommodations

If a student is already receiving accommodation(s) with DSS, please complete the Supplemental Accommodation Form as outlined below:

- Login and complete a supplemental accommodation in the Accommodate portal you have already used.
- On the left-hand side of the webpage, click “Accommodation.”
- On the left-hand side of the webpage, click “Supplemental.”
- Click “Add New.”
- Complete the questions for the form and click SUBMIT at the bottom left-hand side of the page.
- Upload Documentation: If you have previously uploaded documentation related to your disability and your housing accommodation request, then you may skip this step. If you have not, please do one of the following:
 - (a) ask your provider to complete and return this [Housing Documentation](#) form, OR
 - (b) request a letter following the Housing Documentation Guidelines below.

Supplying Provider Documentation

You have two options for supplying documentation from your provider:

1. Ask your provider to complete the [Housing Documentation](#) form.

OR

2. Ask your provider to provide a documentation letter following the guidelines copied below.

Housing Documentation Guidelines

In order for documentation to be considered, it must come from an appropriately licensed professional with whom the student has an established relationship related to the accommodation being requested. The provider must submit the necessary information on their professional letterhead, license number, typed or written and clearly legible, and must date and sign the document. To determine if a particular housing accommodation is necessary, the documentation provided should include the following:

- Diagnosis, diagnosis code(s) as applicable.
 - Description of disability and level of impact.
 - Information about the current functional impact of the condition or disability as it relates to the housing modification or accommodation requested.
 - Recommendation(s) from the professional explaining the need for the housing accommodation as it relates to the disability. Please note that DSS makes the final decision whether an accommodation is appropriate and reasonable.
 - How may these accommodations alleviate the impact of a disability or reduce the impact of a specific set of symptoms?
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