



Hocking College is committed to providing equal opportunities and access to its programs, services, and activities for all students, including those with disabilities. We recognize that Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) can provide therapeutic benefits to individuals with disabilities and may be a necessary accommodation for some students to use and enjoy college housing. Therefore, the college will consider requests for ESAs in college housing as a necessary accommodation in accordance with the Fair Housing Act (FHA).

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In addition to this ESA Disability Accommodation form, to consider your request to have an emotional support animal with you in college housing, you must provide documentation that substantiates the presence of a disability, including how your disability impacts you and that you require the animal as a necessary support for your disability. This documentation requirement can generally be met with a letter from your mental health provider and includes the following information:

- Indicates an ongoing therapeutic provider/client relationship
- Written on the official letterhead of the provider or practice treating you for the mental health condition
- Substantiates the presence and impact of your disability
- Substantiates an ESA as a necessary support related to your disability
- Must be signed by the provider
- Must include licensure information of the provider

Once we receive this completed Accommodation Request Form and the letter from your treating health care professional, we will reach out to you to schedule a time for us to meet to discuss your request and determine whether you are eligible.

Please note that, generally, documentation from mental health care professionals who have had no contact with the student except for limited encounters specifically intended to produce an ESA letter are not considered reliable; the professional-client relationship will often lack diagnostic rigor and the level of familiarity with the functional limitations arising from the diagnosis to support robust recommendations. There is no formal, recognized certification of emotional support animals, and such letters will rarely provide the information necessary to support a request to have an emotional support animal in campus housing.