**Healthcare Provider Documentation**

**Supporting Student’s Request for**

**An Emotional Support Animal**

The Department of Residence Life generally prohibits students from having pets (with the exception of fish in a 10 gallon tank) in the residence halls, but it

* allows service animals and
* allows one emotional support animal (ESA) as a reasonable accommodation to its no animal policy for qualified individuals with disabilities

There is a difference between a service animal and a therapy animal. Definitions are:

* A “**service animal**” is a dog or miniature horse that is trained to perform an actual service or task for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Examples of a service or task include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, pulling a wheelchair, or providing physical support with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities.
* An “**emotional support animal**” is an animal that is prescribed by a healthcare or mental health professional for a student with a qualifying disability and is necessary to afford them with an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a residence hall room. There must be an identifiable relationship between the student’s disability and the support the animal provides. For example, an ESAs presence may positively impact the symptoms of the student’s disability by providing emotional support.

Your patient, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a student who resides in an Alverno College residence hall, is requesting that an ESA live with them. We ask that you provide the following information to assist in evaluating this request. Please note that requests for ESAs in the residence halls may be subject to annual review.

1. Please identify the student’s mental health diagnosis requiring accommodation (a disability involves a condition that rises to the level of significant impact in daily living) in the residence halls. Identify the date of initial diagnosis and your initial contact date with the student:

1. Please describe the way in which this condition impacts the student’s ability to access or enjoy living in the residence halls:
2. Please identify and describe the species and size of animal that you and the student have discussed as appropriate for living in a residence hall room: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Please describe how the animal alleviates the symptoms or effects of the diagnosed condition:
4. Are there any other possible accommodation(s) besides an ESA that would meet the student’s needs (for example, if the animal request is not granted)?   □ yes □ no
5. If yes, please describe other possible accommodations:

Name (Printed):

Practice Area/Specialty:

Clinic/Hospital:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Date:

**Return this form via one of these methods:**

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