



University of Maine at Farmington
ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
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As part of its commitment to students with disabilities and to ensure that students have equitable access to campus programs, including housing, UMF will provide reasonable accommodation to eligible students. In some cases, the appropriate accommodation for a disability may be to house a student in a single room.

Campus housing is an independent, highly social environment comprised of shared living space, common access bathrooms, and a wide variation in noise level. To substantiate the need for assistance, we require clear documentation of limitations in function or performance specifically as it relates to housing. *Substantiated need* is constituted by a severe and chronic disabling condition that has been well documented by the appropriate, qualified professional. The disabling condition must significantly restrict access to the residential educational environment and/or residential activities unless reasonable assistance is provided. *When determining the need for a medical single, the question at issue is "Will the student be denied equal opportunity to housing if the accommodation is not granted?" The question is not "Will the accommodation be beneficial to the student or will the student do better?"*

Your client is requesting a single based on disability. Please provide the following documentation in support of that request:

- a diagnostic statement of disability, including the date of the most recent evaluation and credentials of the diagnosing professional
- the diagnostic criteria or tests used
- treatments, medications or services prescribed
- the current impact of the disability on academic pursuits

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Claire Nelson
Coordinator of Academic Services
for Students with Disabilities