Penn is committed to providing equal access to participation in all University-sponsored programs including housing and dining services. The Office of Student Disabilities Services (SDS) helps to facilitate equal access and provides comprehensive, professional services and programs to ensure that students with disabilities have the same exceptional opportunities that are available to University students. Housing and dining accommodations are provided in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA). According to the ADA, a person with a disability is anyone with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as: walking, sleeping, eating, self-care, hearing, concentrating, breathing, seeing, or learning; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having an impairment.

SDS works collaboratively with Student Health Services and Residential & Hospitality Services to provide housing and dining accommodations for qualified students with disabilities and medical conditions. Accommodations are made on a case by case basis after submitted documentation has been reviewed and with consideration of available housing and dining options. Documentation of a disability and medical condition does not guarantee accommodations.

Students requesting housing, dining, and/or assistance animal accommodations must follow the following procedure. If you are requesting a service animal, please complete the Request for Service Animal Form (link).

Please submit the following information:

1. Request for Accommodations/Self-Identification Form
2. Documentation of your disability according to the SDS Disability Documentation Guidelines. Any documentation submitted will be reviewed by SDS in partnership with Student Health Services, Residential Services, and Dining Services as needed. Please see the website for the documentation guidelines: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc/sds/cs_documentation_guidelines.php

Please Note: All students making a request will be contacted by SDS. Until a final decision is reached, all students will be responsible for their University housing and/or dining contract.

Completed forms and documentation should be sent to:
Student Disabilities Services
3702 Spruce Street, Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6037
Phone: (215) 973-9235
Fax: (215) 746-6326
TTY: (215) 746-6320
http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc/sds