

## Housing Accommodations

To request housing accommodations, all students must:

- Complete the [Application Form](#) and submit via email.
- Provide supporting documentation (see Documentation Guidelines).
- Meet with a DS staff member to discuss your request and current situation, and to develop a plan for moving forward.

To request an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) for Icahn Housing only:

- Complete the [Application Form](#) and submit via email.
- Read and sign the ESA contract ([pages 4-8 of the Assistance Animals Information and Agreement Form](#)) and submit via email
- Have your mental health provider complete the [ESA Documentation Form](#)
- Meet with a DS staff member to discuss your request and current situation, and to develop a plan for moving forward.
- Provide documentation from your veterinarian via email.

Please note that DS does not accept letters from online companies who (in exchange for a fee) offer verification of an emotional support animal. Verification and recommendation of an ESA must come from a mental health provider with which the requestor has, or has recently had, an ongoing therapeutic relationship. To warrant approval of a request for an emotional support animal, a requestor should be prepared to submit appropriate medical documentation describing the functional limitations caused by the disability and the manner in which the support animal ameliorates these limitations.

Assistance animals are defined under the Fair Housing Act (FHA) as animals that provide physical and/or emotional support to individuals with disabilities. Please note that assistance animals are not the same as service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) and are therefore not allowed access to any part of the Mount Sinai campus besides residential housing.

Note: housing accommodations are generally valid for one-year. You may have to reapply for housing accommodations each year. While this office can confirm that a student is eligible to receive housing accommodations, implementation of these accommodations is subject to housing availability.