
**must be completed by a licensed mental health provider

Under the Fair Housing Act (FHA), order to qualify for an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) the animal "must be necessary to afford the individual an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling or to participate in the housing service or program." Further, there must be a relationship or nexus, between the individual's disability and the assistance the animal provides.

Having an ESA in the student's residential living space can be a reasonable accommodation for students with mental health disabilities, but due to the nature of our living arrangements it is necessary to carefully consider the impact of having an ESA on both the student and the residential community. To help us evaluate student's request's



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10. How does the presence of an ESA mitigate the limitations created by the student's disability?

11. What evidence is there that an ESA has helped the student in the past or currently?

12. What consequences in terms of disability symptoms may result if the accommodation was not approved?