



Florida Southern College – Student Disability Services (SDS)

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STUDENT Form

Request for Emotional Support Animal (ESA) Accommodation

This form must be completed by a Florida Southern College STUDENT.

Student's Name: _____ FSC Email: _____

Student's Phone: _____ FSC ID #: _____

Address: _____

Requested Information

You are requesting an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) as a reasonable accommodation at Florida Southern College. FSC is committed to allowing Emotional Support Animals necessary to provide individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to use and enjoy College housing. Under the Fair Housing Act, an ESA is an animal that an individual with a mental health disability utilizes in the housing environment solely for emotional support, well-being, or comfort, such as **alleviating** or **mitigating** one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability. You must be able to demonstrate a nexus between your disability and the way in which the ESA mitigates your symptoms or provides support.

So that we may better evaluate the request for this accommodation, STUDENT please thoroughly answer the following questions:

1. Please state your official diagnosis, current symptoms, and their frequency/severity.

Student Response:

2. Does your official diagnosis impact a major life activity? If so, what major life activity is affected?

Student Response:



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3. How would an ESA mitigate your symptoms? **General assessments are typically insufficient.** For example, a statement that “The animal alleviates anxiety” is too general and does not explain HOW the animal may alleviate the symptoms of your disability.

Student Response:

4. What would be the likely impact on you if the requested accommodation is not approved?

Student Response:

5. If the accommodation would not be approved, what alternative resources would you seek out?

Student Response:

6. Are there any additional factors to be considered in making this decision?

Student Response:

Student Signature

Date