

Bates College

Application for an Emotional Support Animal

Student Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Semester the request is for (semester/year): _____

Current address on campus (building and room): _____

Bates email: _____ Cell phone: _____

Academic year (circle one): 1 2 3 4

Type of animal being requested: _____

Guidelines for Recommendation Letter from Provider

To help facilitate a dialogue concerning your request, please provide a typed letter on letterhead from a mental health or other qualified healthcare professional addressing the following:

- Name and professional qualifications of the individual making the recommendation and length of time under their care.
- Verification of disability/disabilities and description of how it/they interfere(s) with any major life activity that would be encountered in the residential environment.
- Describes the need for an Emotional Support Animal.
- Demonstrates the relationship between your disability, resulting limitations, and the need for the Emotional Support Animal.
- Possible alternative accommodations if meeting the primary recommendation is not possible.

Policies and Responsibilities

The following apply to students using ESAs on campus:

- Bates College is not responsible for the care or supervision of ESAs. The student is responsible for the cost, care, and supervision of the animal.
- An ESA is generally restricted to the student's room or suite, except when entering/exiting the building, and is not permitted in any other part of the residence hall or in any other facilities on campus. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- The owner must be in full control of the ESA at all times and take immediate and effective action if an animal becomes out of control or disruptive.

- An animal's behavior, noise, odor, and waste must not exceed reasonable standards for a well-behaved animal. These factors should not create unreasonable disruptions for other residents (for example: uncontrolled barking, jumping on other people, or running away from handler).
- Students who have an ESA as an accommodation must comply with the same college rules and code of conduct as all students, including but not limited to, noise, safety, disruption, and cleanliness.
- The student is responsible for disposing of the animal's waste. Students will be asked to consult with the custodian in their residence hall within the first week of having the animal on campus regarding a plan for waste removal.
- The student must bring the animal with them if they leave campus overnight or for any extended period of time. Animals may not be left in the care of another student on campus for any period of time. In these instances, the animal would not be functioning as an emotional support animal and would violate the code of conduct. Students are solely responsible for transport of the animal (for example: emergency veterinarian visit, travel during break times, etc).
- The student is responsible for maintaining the animal's health and safety. When applicable (usually dogs and cats) the animal should be kept free of fleas and ticks.
- The student is financially responsible to Bates College for any damage caused by the animal including but not limited to, damage to carpets, furniture, or walls.
- The student must agree to waive any claims against Bates College for, to defend and indemnify Bates and its employees, officers, and agents against, and to be responsible for any damages arising out of claim of harm caused by the animal.
- The student must notify the Office of Accessible Education and Student Support in the event the approved animal is no longer needed or is no longer in residence. If the animal needs to be replaced, the student is responsible for registering and providing the required information for the new animal and getting approval before bringing it to campus.
- The student must provide written evidence of up-to-date required vaccinations and license, if applicable, at the time of compliance.

Please confirm that you have read and agree to abide by the Bates College Policy and Procedure for Emotional Support Animals by signing below. Please contact the Office of Accessible Education and Support should you have any questions at accessibility@bates.edu or 207-786-6222.

Signature

Date