

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

EVALUATION OF HOUSING REQUESTS BASED ON MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL OR DISABILITY RELATED NEEDS

Housing assignments and the residential learning environments are integral parts of MassArt's programs for all students, particularly first year students. We carefully evaluate all requests for needs-based housing assignments carefully. Below is a summary of the factors considered when evaluating housing requests.

Severity of the condition

1. Is the impact of the condition life threatening if the request is not met?
2. Is there a negative health impact that might be permanent if the request is not met?
3. Is the request an integral component of treatment plan for the condition in question?
4. What is the likely impact on academic performance if the request is not met?
5. What is the likely impact on social development if the request is not met?
6. What is the likely impact on the student's level of comfort if the request is not met?

Timing of the Request

1. Was the request made with the initial housing request?
2. Was the request made before the deadline for housing for the semester in question?
3. Was the request made as soon as possible after the identification of the need (based on date of diagnosis, receipt of housing assignment, change in status, etc.)

Feasibility and Availability

1. Is space available that meets the student's needs?
2. Can space be adapted to provide the requested (electrical load, emergency egress, etc.)
3. Are there other effective methods or housing configurations that would achieve similar benefits as the requested configuration?
4. How does this request impact housing commitments to other students?