SPECIAL NEEDS IDENTIFICATION FORM

Middlebury College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Middlebury College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities as required by law. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Middlebury College community and to ask that you inform us of any disabilities for which you seek accommodation. The College will endeavor to make reasonable accommodations as required by applicable laws. The process and services ordinarily available at the College are described in more detail in the College's ADA Policy, which is available from the ADA Office or on the web. Qualifying disabilities can include, for example, visual impairments, hearing or mobility impairments, psychological and medical conditions, and learning disabilities which substantially limit one or more of a person's major life activities and may necessitate modifications to the facilities, programs, or services of the College.

The information that you provide regarding any special needs will be shared only with those individuals involved in the coordination and facilitation of services and accommodations required to make our programs accessible to you. The College reserves the right to request current documentation of physical and/or mental disabilities prior to the determination and facilitation of appropriate accommodations; documentation requirements are discussed in more detail in the ADA Policy. Both the full ADA Policy and this form are available from the ADA Office in a variety of accessible formats or on the web at http://www.middlebury.edu/studentlife/doc/ada.

The campus at Middlebury is spread out and includes some steep hills. Students with mobility impairments may benefit from acquiring a personal mobility device, such as a motorized scooter, to assist with the navigation of the campus terrain. Please note that this type of personal equipment is the responsibility of the student.

Similarly, the College is not responsible for services of a personal nature. Students with needs in this area are encouraged to consider obtaining a personal assistant or personal care attendant if they are unable to function independently on campus.

Students requesting an air conditioner as an accommodation are advised that such requests should be made in accordance with the guidelines established in the Thermal Comfort Report located on the web at http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/general/misc/thermal.htm.

Please complete the form on the reverse side and attach your documentation.
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Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail address:

In order to enhance our ability to provide you with maximum support on campus, we would like to communicate with your Commons Dean and Academic Adviser about your special needs. May we contact one or both of them on your behalf?

Would you like to discuss assistance with emergency evacuation from buildings or from the campus with the ADA Coordinator?

Please name and describe your disability in terms of the limitations it might place on your ability to participate in Middlebury College programs.

Please list the accommodations you wish to request in order to participate in Middlebury College programs. Please be as specific as possible regarding the functions or activities that are limited by your disability.

Attach additional pages as needed.

Note: Your request for accommodation MUST be supported by current and adequate documentation. The College's documentation requirements are discussed in more detail in the College's ADA Policy, which is available from the ADA Office. Generally, such documentation must: (1) be prepared by an objective professional qualified in the diagnosis of such conditions; (2) include information regarding the testing procedures followed, the instruments used to assess the disability, the test results, and a written interpretation of these results as they pertain to an educational environment and/or participation in the College's programs; (3) reflect your present level of functioning in the area related to the particular accommodations being sought; (4) be appropriately recent, e.g., prepared within the last several years before the first request for accommodation. Please note that if you are seeking accommodation for a specific learning disability, there are additional documentation requirements described in the ADA Policy, which is available from the ADA Office.

Whenever possible, this form should be filled out by the student making the accommodation request.