## HOUSING POLICY & PROCEDURES For Students with Disabilities and/or Other Special Needs

The Juilliard School provides reasonable housing accommodations to qualified students with disabilities. In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, housing accommodations are designed to provide equal access to the on-campus residence hall facilities. Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis, and are designed to meet the documented needs of the student in accordance with current standards. A student requiring reasonable housing accommodations must first go through the steps of qualifying as a disabled student, as outlined in the Student Handbook (Academic Support and Disability Services). Once all documents are filed, housing accommodation requests will be reviewed by the Disability Support Services Committee in consultation with appropriate school medical personnel. Accommodations will be determined based on the documented disability, the needs of the individual applying, and the adjustments that can be reasonably made in the current housing available to Juilliard students.

All first time college students are required to live in the residence hall. Thereafter, students may participate in the housing lottery for room selection. New students (first-time college, transfer, and new graduate students) who are determined to have a disability which qualifies them for specific housing accommodations will be assigned a room according to the accommodations that are deemed reasonable and necessary. Returning students who are determined to have a disability which qualifies them for specific housing accommodations will be assigned a room according to the assigned a room (if available, and if all necessary documentation has been filed on time), and will not have to participate in the housing lottery. Room assignments made as accommodations cannot be declined by the student, and students receiving such assignments waive the right to participate in the housing lottery process.

The Office of Academic Support and Disability Services has a grievance process by which any student may appeal the accommodations granted or not granted. Students wishing to appeal any special needs housing accommodation decision may file an appeal, and should review the Grievance Policy and Procedure in the Student Handbook (Academic Support and Disability Services) or pick up the policy and procedure forms from the Office of Academic Support and Disability Services.

## Students with Chronic Medical Conditions That Are Not Disabilities

Students who have medical conditions that do not constitute a disability, but who would benefit from some adjustment in their housing, should notify the Residence Life Office. Due to very restricted room availability and options, there is no guarantee that requested adjustments can be made. If a student's medical needs require environmental controls that might be met by matching the applicant with a roommate who has a similar medical condition (i.e. similar allergies, dermatitis, etc.) the student may be asked to sign a release allowing the School to facilitate a roommate assignment by revealing to a potential roommate the student's medical condition and contact information.

## Procedures and guidelines for requesting Special Needs housing

Students who want to request <u>Special Needs</u> housing must notify the Office of Academic Support and Disability Services via U.S. mail, e-mail (<u>OASS@juilliard.edu</u>) or by calling (212) 799-5000, ext 213. An application, document information, and instructions will be sent. **PLEASE SEE DEADLINES BELOW.** 

## *First-time college students, transfer and new graduate students: Deadline for requesting Special Needs housing is April 15, 2016.*

Requests for <u>Special Needs</u> housing submitted after the above deadline will be accepted and considered; however, Juilliard does not guarantee that it will be able to meet a late applicant's accommodation needs, including any needs that develop during the semester. Applications that are missing any information or required disability documentation and signed releases will not be considered.

Because all first-time college students are required to live in the residence hall, which has a limited number of rooms, housing is not guaranteed to transfer and returning students. All first-time college students, whether or not they are requesting <u>Special Needs</u> housing, are required to file a regular housing application by May 15, 2016. All new graduate, transfer, and returning students wishing to live in the residence hall, whether or not they are requesting <u>Special Needs</u> housing <u>Special Needs</u> housing.