Allegheny College is committed to supporting students with disabilities with reasonable meal plan accommodations to provide equal access to the College’s dining plan and facility. The Meal Plan Accommodation Policy applies to all students and explains the specific steps necessary to request a meal plan accommodation at Allegheny College.

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a person with a disability as someone who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. The three factors influencing a determination of substantial limitation are 1) the nature and severity of the impairment, 2) the duration or expected duration of the impairment, and 3) whether the impairment is characterized as permanent or long-term.

Students must complete and submit a Meal Plan Accommodation Request Form to the Disability Services Office. When the disability and/or need for accommodation is not obvious, students may also be asked to have a treating healthcare provider complete and submit a Meal Plan Accommodation Verification Form to the Disability Services Office. This form provides the Disability Services Office with reliable documentation that the student has a disability. Documentation must also show that the requested accommodation is necessary to provide them with equal access to the College’s meal plan and/or facility; in addition, there must be an identifiable relationship, or nexus, between the requested accommodation and their disability. The treating health care provider completing the form must specialize in a field consistent with the diagnosis, as well as be familiar with the student’s disability and the necessity for the requested accommodation. To avoid any conflict of interest, documentation must be provided by a non-family healthcare provider.

Please see the Meal Plan Accommodation Policy for additional information.

STUDENT NAME: ____________________________________________________________

STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: __________________________________________________

NAME OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER: ________________________________________

CREDENTIALS AND SPECIALTY: ____________________________________________
PLEASE SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1) Based upon the definition above, does this student have a disability? □ Yes □ No

2) If yes, please state the medical diagnosis or condition.

3) Is this condition permanent? □ Yes □ No

4) If the condition is not permanent, what is the anticipated duration of the condition?

5) Please state the date of diagnosis. Was this diagnosis made by you? □ Yes □ No
   If the diagnosis was not made by you, by whom was it made?

6) How long has this student been under your care? What is the date of your most recent evaluation of this student?

7) Using as much space as needed, please describe the type, severity and frequency of symptoms experienced by this student and how the disability interferes with the student participating in the College’s meal plan and/or eating in the College’s dining facility.
8) Specify level of sensitivity for all food allergies. Specify each allergen, and mark all that apply. Please explain.
   - □ life threatening/anaphylaxis
     - □ due to airborne contact
     - □ due to cross-contamination
     - □ due to ingesting food, only
     - □ other (please specify)
   - □ high sensitivity, no anaphylaxis
     - □ due to airborne contact
     - □ due to cross-contamination
     - □ due to ingesting food, only
     - □ other (please specify)

9) Describe the requested meal plan accommodation. Please explain how the requested accommodation is necessary to allow equal access to the College’s meal plan and facility.
In addition, mark all that apply.

- gluten-free menu options
- dairy and lactose-free menu options
- vegan menu options
- specialized diets for gastrointestinal diseases (e.g. Crohn’s, Celiacs, Colitis, IBS, etc.)
- menu-planning consultation with Dining Services staff
- other (please describe any modification(s) you believe are necessary; specify other food allergies, sensitivities and/or conditions)
- exemption from meal plan

10) If applicable and not already provided above, please provide a list of foods that must be avoided (categories) and/or foods that are acceptable (categories).

Please return this completed document to:
Office of Disability Services
Pelletier Library Box #6
Allegheny College
520 North Main Street
Meadville, PA 16335
Telephone: (814) 332-2898 Fax: (814) 281-3049
jmangine@allegheny.edu

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