



## **Gustavus Residential Life Air Conditioner Policy**

*Important information for those requesting consideration for an individual A/C unit.*

### **For students with asthma or severe persistent allergies requiring prescription medication usage:**

A request for air conditioning with appropriate documentation must be submitted to the Director of Residential Life. All requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and documentation of a need for air conditioning does not guarantee that your application will be approved. Also, there is no guarantee that you will be housed in an area equipped with central air.

### **Requirements and Process**

Documentation from the physician providing care is required indicating a need for air conditioning. The student or the student's physician must provide documentation to Residential Life (emailed to [reslife@gustavus.edu](mailto:reslife@gustavus.edu) or faxed to 507-933-6197). Approvals are determined on a case by case basis and are dependent upon the documentation received relative to the severity of illness and the availability of rooms that are centrally air conditioned or have the capability of supporting a window AC unit.

The documentation must include the diagnosis, treatment plan (including prescription medication), and any additional information that would support the need for this intervention. In addition, language regarding air conditioning as a reasonable accommodation is required as we act in compliance with ADA guidelines. Physician notes such as "Please provide an air conditioner for my patient due to allergies" will not be accepted as documenting the need. Priority will be given to those students who have provided documented evidence of exacerbation of chronic respiratory diseases including asthma, chronic medical conditions, and those receiving allergy injections on a regular basis. Documentation needs to be up dated each year to maintain eligibility.

There is a \$75 fee charged to a student's account for installation of the unit by Physical Plant staff. This also covers de-installation in the winter (if requested) or at the end of the academic year.