In compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Kalamazoo College recognizes that qualified students who have diagnosed or identified learning, physical, or emotional disabilities are entitled to the same benefits from the educational programs of the college as nondisabled students. Kalamazoo College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities, unless that accommodation imposes undue hardship or burden or would not alleviate a direct threat to the student or others. The Associate Dean of Students and the student will work together to negotiate and ensure appropriate accommodations that will work for the student. Cost associated with diagnosis, evaluation, and testing is the responsibility of the student, except in cases of severe financial need demonstrated to, and upon recommendation of the Associate Dean of Students. The office also makes assistance available to students experiencing short-term illness or physical injury.

Kalamazoo College has the right to:

deny a request for accommodations, academic adjustments, and/or auxiliary aids and services if the documentation demonstrates that the request is not warranted, or if the individual fails to provide appropriate documentation.

Please direct inquiries and questions to the Associate Dean of Students at 269/337-7209.

You must provide a copy of the medical documentation and any recommendations about necessary accommodations that are included. If the assessment does not provide the necessary information with which to determine accommodations or if the assessment is more than three years old, the Associate Dean of Students may ask the student for additional assessment. It will also be helpful for you to meet with Ms. Karen Joshua-Wathel, Associate Dean of Students and Disability Services Coordinator during the first week so that together we can determine the most appropriate ways to help you be successful at “K.”

We can be of more help to you if we know ahead of time what types of modifications may be required. If you have a documented disability, please let us know by answering the following questions.

1. What is the nature of your disability?

2. Do you have medical documentation concerning the disability? (Please attach to this form).

3. What types of accommodations have you needed in your education to this point?

RETURN DOCUMENTS TO: Karen Joshua-Wathel, Associate Dean of Students
Kalamazoo College, 1200 Academy, Kalamazoo, MI 49006