



Mount Mary University is deeply committed to the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of University life including the dining experience. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act Mount Mary University has established procedures to ensure that students with documented disabilities have access to meal plan accommodations that reasonably meet their needs as required by law.

According to the ADA a disability is defined as any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits the individual in a major life activity compared to the average person. There must also be a legitimate connection between the disability and the requested accommodation.

Mount Mary University requires that all students living on campus participate in the meal plan available through the University's Dining Services. Virtually all students needs can be met through the standard meal plan options. For students with conditions whose needs cannot be met through this process may request a meal plan accommodation. Mount Mary University Dining Services offer a wide variety of dining options capable of accommodating many different dietary needs including allergy intolerances and chronic health conditions.

We recognize that students with special dietary needs already experience a more limited diet than those who do not and are required to exert more time and effort in managing their diet than others thus every effort is made to provide helpful information to students who have to manage their diet when eating in the dining halls.

Given the availability to accommodate a wide range of dietary needs an exemption from participation in the meal plan is rare and will only be considered when needs cannot be met by dining services. Requests for meal plan exemptions based on preferences or for financial reasons will not be granted.

To request a meal plan accommodation please contact the Director of Accessibility Services at [wellsj@mtmary.edu](mailto:wellsj@mtmary.edu)