Domestic Partnership Requirements

You are required to submit documentation for Domestic Partnerships as outlined below. In addition to providing proof of your eligibility for Domestic Partnership coverage at the time of application, you are required to maintain the ability to provide proof of eligibility for as long as you wish to continue to sponsor your Domestic Partner as a member of the Campus Recreation Center.

1. **Proof of Joint Responsibility for Basic Financial Obligations.**
   You must submit two forms of proof from the list below. Each form of proof must show that you and your Domestic Partner share joint responsibility for basic financial obligations and have done so for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the membership purchase, and be valid on the date of your purchase. If you submit proof that is older than six months you are also required to submit that same form of proof that is dated within 30 days of your purchase.

   **At least one of your two documents submitted must be from List A.** You may submit either two documents from List A, or one document from List A and one document from List B.

   **List A**
   - Joint mortgage or lease agreement/Joint ownership of residence
   - Joint wills or designation of the Domestic Partner as executor and/or primary beneficiary
   - Designation of the Domestic Partner as beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits
   - Designation of the Domestic Partner as durable power of attorney
   - Mutual grant of authority to make health care decisions (e.g., health care power of attorney)
   - Joint obligation on a loan (may submit a creditor’s affidavit for a personal loan)
   - Joint ownership of a brokerage investment account
   - Joint insurance policy (homeowners or renters policy, motor vehicle policy)
   - Joint ownership or lease of a motor vehicle
   - Joint financial responsibility for child care (e.g., school tuition, guardianship)
   - Joint household budget for the purpose of receiving government benefits
   - Status as an authorized signatory on the partner’s bank account or credit card
   - Designation of one partner as the representative’s payee for the other’s government benefits

   **List B**
   - Joint bank account
   - Joint credit card or other charge card
   - Other evidence of joint financial responsibility or of economic interdependence

2. **Proof of Cohabitation**
   You must submit one form of proof from the list below to prove that you and your Domestic Partner have resided together for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the membership purchase. If you submit proof that is older than six months, you are also required to submit that same form of proof that is dated within 30 days of your purchase. This proof may be one document on which both names appear or two separate documents that specify each partner’s residential address.

   - Bank statement mailed to residential address
   - Pay check stub
   - Driver’s license or automobile registration showing residential address
   - Insurance benefits statements mailed to residential address
   - Joint membership statement mailed to residential address (e.g., church or other organization)
   - Tax return listing residential address
   - Registration as a Domestic Partnership in a New York State municipality that has established such a procedure (e.g., Albany, New York City, Rochester, Ithaca)

Information taken from the Stony Brook University Human Resources Domestic Partnership Application available at:
http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/HRSForms.nsf/2fc74c45d6732a3c85256a810051fa5f/d48a814a0149456585257ae800524e31/$FILE/PS-425.pdf