MINOR GUARDIANSHIP PACKET

STEP-BY-STEP CHECKLIST FOR OBTAINING GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

You have decided whether your guardianship is "special" (temporary, emergency, and expires in 30 days) and/or "general." Either way, you will need to schedule a hearing with a judge and let the others involved in the ward's life know that you are applying for a guardianship.

The key to being successful with this process is organization, as it involves a lot of paperwork. Keeping your paperwork organized will help the process seem less overwhelming. Take the process one step at a time. Take your time and complete each task before moving on to the next one.

It is recommended that you use file folders to organize all the paperwork, and that you label the three folders as follows:

Folder #1: Take to Courthouse to File.

Folder #2: Take to Have Notarized/Make Copies.

Folder #3: Important Documents to Keep.

These are instructions for a regular guardianship and do NOT fully cover the steps for obtaining guardianship of a minor in the following situation:

- o If the child is 14 years old or older,
- o If this is an emergency where a child needs to be protected from physical or financial harm,
- o If you are unable to pay court fees,
- o If the child is enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a Native American Indian tribe,
- o If Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) is involved, or
- o If the guardianship is or will be contested.

If your case involves any of the above factors, special instructions may apply which are not a part of this guide. Please seek advice from a qualified attorney.

Background checks will be required for the person(s) seeking guardianship and any person over the age of 18 who is or will be living in the same home as the minor child. It is strongly encouraged that you begin the background check process immediately upon filing your Petition for Guardianship, as the process can take a long time and you will have to keep returning to court until the background check results are complete and provided to the court. Instructions for obtaining the required background checks are included later in this guide.

- STEP 1: Find the form INFORMATION SHEET. Fill out this sheet as best you can. This will not be filed, but the judge may want to see this sheet because it summarizes the family information and who is involved in the case.
- STEP 2: Find the form PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP (MINOR).
 - o You are the petitioner and the child is the ward.
 - Don't sign it yet. You will sign in front of a notary and have your signature notarized.
 - o Put the completed form in folder #2 ("Take to Have Notarized/Make Copies").
- STEP 3: Find the form OKLAHOMA SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION ACT -AFFIDAVIT (PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT A).
 - o Put the child's name on the top where it says: "In the matter of the guardianship of
 - Don't sign it yet. You will sign in front of a notary and have your signature notarized.
 - o Put the form in folder #2.
- STEP 4: Find the form UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT_AFFIDAVIT (PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT B).
 - o Enter your name as petitioner.
 - o Fill in the rest of the blanks.
 - Don't sign it yet. You will sign in front of a notary and have your signature notarized.
 - o Put the form in folder #2.
- STEP 5: Find the form PLAN FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE WARD(S).
 - o Fill in the form.
 - o It is okay to sign it now.
 - o Put form in folder #2.
- STEP 6: Find the form PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE WARD(S).
 - o Fill in the form.
 - o If the child does not have any property, just say so.
 - o Put the form in folder #2.

- STEP 7: Take the documents in folder #2 to a notary (a notary can be found at your local post office, tag agency, or bank; your local courthouse law library may also have a notary).
 - o Sign in front of the notary and have the notary sign and notarize:
 - 1. PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP,
 - 2. OKLAHOMA SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT AFFIDAVIT (PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT A), and
 - 3. UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT AFFIDAVIT (PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT'B).
 - o Put all notarized documents back into folder #2.
 - o Take note that these documents are the originals. Tip: Unless the notary signs in blue ink or uses a blue, red, or green notarial stamp, you may want to make a pencil mark at the bottom of these documents to indicate that they are originals.
- STEP 8: Take the original documents in folder #2 to where you can make copies.
 - o Determine how many copies you will need.
 - For the PETITION with the OKLAHOMA SEX OFFENDER AFFIDAVIT (EXHIBIT A) and UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION ACT AFFIDAVIT (EXHIBIT B) attached, you will need:

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	One copy for you	1	
	One copy for the background search	_ 1	
	Two copies for the judge's staff	2	
	One copy for the natural mother	1	
	One copy for the natural father	1	
=	One copy for each grandparent	1	
	One copy for each adult sister of the child	(enter # needed)	
m	One copy for each adult brother of the child	(enter # needed)	-
	One copy for any person having custody of the child or with whom the child resides	(enter # needed)	-
	One copy for all persons known to you who claims any rights to custody or visitation with child	(enter # needed)	-
=	Total number of copies of PETITION with Exhibit A and Exhibit B	(enter # needed)	-
-	Three copies of PLAN FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE WARD	3	;
	Three copies of PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE WARD	3	;

- o Put all originals and copies in folder #1 ("Take to Courthouse to File").
- STEP 9: Prepare for your first trip to the county courthouse.
 - o You will need to file the guardianship petition in one of the following counties:
 - The county in which the child resides, or
 - The county in which you live if you are a member of the child's family.
 - o There is a filing fee to file the guardianship petition. You will need to bring cash or a personal check with you when you file the petition. There are some circumstances when the filing fee may be waived (see below).

Note: The court filing fee may be waived if you have no money (file a PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT); if the child is receiving TANF, SoonerCare, or social security benefits; or if you are a relative of the child and the child's natural parents have abandoned the child.

- o Take all the documents in folder #1 with you to the appropriate county courthouse.
- o Put the following documents into folder #2 and take them with you to the courthouse:
 - ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CHILD(REN),
 - NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CHILD(REN), and
 - AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE.
- o Find the cashier window in the court clerk's office. (Depending on the county in which you are filing your case and the size of the courthouse, there may not be a separate cashier's office, and the court clerk may be able to handle your case filing and payment.)
 - Hand the cashier the original PETITION and ask to file a new guardianship case for a minor child.
 - You will be assigned a judge and given a case number.
 - You will pay the required court filing fee, unless waived for any of the reasons addressed above.
 - Put the case number on each copy of the PETITION.
- o Find a court clerk in the clerk's office who is free to help you.
 - Hand the clerk the original PETITION with PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT A and PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT B attached.
 - Hand the copies of the PETITION to the court clerk.
 - The court clerk will file stamp the original and all copies. The clerk will keep the original and return the copies to you.

- STEP 10: Schedule the court hearing on the guardianship.
 - o Find the name of the judge who is assigned to your case. Look up their name on the courthouse directory to find the judge's office.
 - o Go to the judge's office. The judge's assistant will help you. Tell the assistant that you need to schedule a minor guardianship hearing and hand the assistant a copy of the file-stamped PETITION.
 - O Schedule the hearing at least 2 weeks from the day you contact the judge's assistant. You will need to allow time to mail notices to the appropriate persons at least 10 days prior to the hearing date.
 - Write down the date and time of the hearing on the ORDER FOR HEARING and NOTICE OF HEARING.
- STEP 11: Find the form ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR in folder #1.
 - o -Fill out the information.
 - o -Make one copy of the original.
 - o -Hand the original and the copy to the court clerk.
 - O The clerk will stamp the judge's name and file stamp both the original and copy. You will get the copy back and the clerk will keep the original.
 - o Put the copy in folder #2.
- STEP 12: Find the form NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CHILD.
 - o Fill in the date and time of the hearing you scheduled.
 - Make at least one copy of the original.
 - Hand the original and the copy to the court clerk.
 - O The clerk will stamp the judge's name and file stamp both the original and copy. You will get the copy back and the clerk will keep the original.
 - Put the copy in folder #2.
- STEP 13: Prepare for mailing copies of the PETITION, ORDER FOR HEARING, and NOTICE OF HEARING (contents of folder #2) to make copies and get notarized.
 - You are required by law to notify all persons who claim any right to the child by mailing them copies of the PETITION, ORDER, and NOTICE OF HEARING.
 - Keep a list of the names and addresses of everyone entitled to notice about the guardianship; that is, every person you listed as needing copies of the PETITION (as listed in Step 8 above).
 - Make enough copies of the ORDER and NOTICE so that each person on your list gets one.

- You will need business-size envelopes. Put the name and address on each envelope and add a stamp.
- Put the addressed, stamped envelopes with the copies of the PETITION, ORDER, and NOTICE in the mail.
- o Find the form AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE.
- o Fill in the names of everyone you sent documents to.
- o Sign in front of the notary and have your signature notarized.
- o Make a copy of the AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE and put the original and the copy in folder #1.
- STEP 14: Prepare to go to the courthouse to file documents prior to the hearing.
 - o Folder #1 should contain:
 - The notarized AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE plus at least one copy,
 - The PLAN FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE WARD plus at least one copy, and
 - The MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE WARD plus at least one copy.
 - o Take folder #1 to the court clerk's office.
 - o Find a clerk who is free to help you.
 - Hand the clerk both the original and the copy of each document.
 - o The clerk will file stamp both documents, keep the original, and hand back to you the file-stamped copy.
 - o Put all file-stamped copies in folder #3 ("Important Documents to Keep").

STEP 15: BACKGROUND CHECKS

The State wants to be sure that your home is safe for a child. To do this, you must follow the steps below to have the necessary background checks done for yourself and each person over the age of 18 who lives in the home with the child for whom you seek guardianship. The State will want checks from different agencies. You must provide the completed background check results to the court. Please refer to the last 3 pages of this checklist for a "Guide to Obtaining Required Background Checks for Guardianship of a Minor," and follow the steps there.

- STEP 16: Prepare to attend the hearing.
 - o Put the following documents in folder #1:
 - DECREE AND ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD(REN),
 - LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, and
 - ORDER APPROVING PLAN.

- o Attend the hearing. Give the documents in folder #1 to the judge to review and sign.
- STEP 17: Make 5 copies of each document the judge signed.
 - Hand the originals and copies to the clerk. Ask the court clerk to file the orders and letters signed by the judge and get certified copies.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPTIONAL FORMS

- Document #12: Guardian Ad Litem Data Sheet. If the judge orders that a guardian ad litem is to be appointed to advocate for the best interests of the minor child or children, you must fill this out and give the completed form to the guardian ad litem.
- Document #14: Nomination of Guardian by a Minor. If any of the proposed wards or minor children are to have a guardian appointed for them, they can nominate or recommend who they want to be their guardian. This form must be filed before the final hearing.
- Document #16: Waiver of Notice and/or Consent. If any of the persons requiring notice of the guardianship are willing to consent to you being appointed as guardian, they can fill out this form. It must be filed before the final hearing.
- Document #17: Petition for Custody by Abandonment. If you are filing for guardianship to obtain custody of the minor child or children because one or more of the parents abandoned them, then you must fill out this petition in addition to the Petition for Letters for Guardianship. See the definition of "abandonment" above to see if your situation applies.

GUIDE TO OBTAINING REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

Pursuant to 30 O.S. § 2-101, you must complete the following background checks prior to obtaining guardianship of a minor child. Note: The court may grant emergency guardianship pending completion of these requirements, but in order to obtain ongoing guardianship, you must fulfill these requirements as to the prospective guardian(s) and all other household members 18 years of age and older.

A. Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) Name-Based Criminal History Background Check with Sex Offender Search

OSBI Search Option 1: Online Submission.

You may submit your request online at https://chirp.osbi.ok.gov/.

- Select "Name Based" and "Sex Offender" in the "Type of Search Requested" box.
- Where it asks the purpose of your request, choose "Personal Review."
- You must complete a separate form for each person.
- You must pay a separate fee for each request.
- Each search with these selections should cost \$17.00 per person.
- Online submission results will be emailed to you.
- You must file the results with the court clerk. (If you search with your social security number, it would be wise to strike all but the last four digits off before filing with the court clerk.)

OSBI Search Option 2: In-Person Submission.

You can submit your request in-person and (typically) receive the results the same day.

- The OSBI is located at 6600 North Harvey Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.
- Select "Name Based" and "Sex Offender" in the "Type of Search Requested" box.
- Where it asks the purpose of your request, choose "Personal Review."
- You must complete a separate form for each person.
- You must pay a separate fee for each request.
- Each search with these selections should cost \$17.00 per person.
- In-person submission results will be given to you, typically the same day or after a short wait.
- You must file the results with the court clerk. (If you search with your social security number, it would be wise to strike all but the last four digits off before filing with the court clerk.)

OSBI Search Option 3: Submission by U.S. Mail.

You can mail your request to:

OSBI - Criminal History Record Information Request

6600 North Harvey Place Oklahoma City, OK 73116

- Select "Name Based" and "Sex Offender" in the "Type of Search Requested" box.
- Where it asks the purpose of your request, choose "Personal Review."
- You must complete a separate form for each person.
- You must pay a separate fee for each request.
- Each search with these selections should cost \$17.00 per person.
- You must include a return envelope, with your address and postage prepaid on the envelope with your request.
- The results will be mailed back to you.
- You must file the results with the court clerk. (If you search with your social security number, it would be wise to strike all but the last four digits off before filing with the court clerk.)

OSBI Search Option 4: Submission by Fax.

You can fax your completed form to 405-879-2503.

- Select "Name Based" and "Sex Offender" in the "Type of Search Requested" box.
- Where it asks the purpose of your request, choose "Personal Review."
- You must complete a separate form for each person.
- You must pay a separate fee for each request.
- Each search with these selections should cost \$17.00 per person.
- If you submit the form by fax, you must be able to receive your results by return fax and you must include credit card payment information on the form.
- You must file the results with the court clerk. (If you search with your social security number, it would be wise to strike all but the last four digits off before filing with the court clerk.)

B. Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) child abuse and neglect information System (CANIS) search

- Complete the Request for Child Abuse and Neglect Information System for Guardianship form and return submit it as noted on the form.
- Be sure you include the required documents along with the completed form.
- You can list all adults in your household on one form.
- DHS will file the results directly with the court clerk.

Note: It can take a long time to receive these results, so it is important to submit them as soon as you have filed your case and have the case number.

MINOR GUARDIANSHIP FORMS

The forms appear on the following pages in chronological order according to the step-by-step checklist.

- 1. Petition for Letters of Guardianship (Minor)
- 2. Petitioner's Exhibit "A," Petitioner's Exhibit "B"
- 3. Plan for the Care and Treatment of the Ward(s)
- 4. Plan for the Management of the Property of the Ward(s)
- 5. Order for Hearing Petition for Appointment of Guardian
- 6. Notice for Hearing Petition for Appointment of Guardian
- 7. Affidavit of Service
- 8. Background Check Forms
- 9. Decree and Order Appointing Guardian
- 10. Letters of Guardianship
- 11. Order Approving Plan
- 12. Inventory of Estate
- 13. Guardian Ad Litem Data Sheet
- 14. Information Sheet
- 15. Nomination of Guardian by a Minor Fourteen Years of Age or Above
- 16. Waiver of Notice and/or Consent to the Appointment of Guardian
- 17. Petition for Custody by Abandonment

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ___ _ COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the matter of the Guardianship of Case No.: A Minor Child(ren) PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP (MINOR) COME(S) NOW, THE Petitioner(s) of lawful age, respectfully state to the Court as follows: (Child 1) That _____, is a minor child, ____ years of 1. age, having been born on _____, ___, in the City of _____ State of ______. That ______ is the natural mother who resides at: ____ That ______ is the natural father who resides 3. at: ____ (Child 2 - If applicable) That _____, is a minor child, ____ years 4. of age, having been born on ______, ____, in the City of ______, State of _____ That _____ is the natural mother who resides at: _______ That ______ is the natural father who resides (Child 3- If applicable) That _____, is a minor child, ____ years of 7. age, having been born on _____, ____, in the City of _____, State of ______

	8.	That is the natural mother who resides
at:		
	9.	That is the natural father who resides
Add	further	child(ren) information here (For each Additional Child: Name; DOB; Age;
Nam	e/Addre	ss Natural Mother; Name/Address Natural Father):
	10.	The Petitioner's relationship with the child(ren) is:
	11.	Has the Petitioner ever been convicted of a felony crime or a crime involving
dom	estic vio	lence? □ YES □ NO (Check One)
	12.	Petitioner is not insolvent; has not declared bankruptcy during the five (5) years
prio	to the f	iling of this Petition; is not obligated or indebted to said child(ren); that said minor is
in ne	ed of ca	re and supervision by an adult person; that it is in the best interests of said minor that
Petit	ioner(s)	be appointed as guardian of the person and the estate of said minor.
	13.	The child(ren)'s assets do not exceed the value of \$
	14.	That Petitioner(s) is not a person subject to registration under the Oklahoma Sex
Offe	nder Re	gistration Act and has read and approved the attached "Exhibit A".
	15.	That Petitioner(s) has read and approved the attached "Exhibit B" Uniform Child
Cust	tody Jur	isdiction and Enforcement Act.
	16.	The guardianship is out of: necessity convenience (Check One)
	17.	If the guardianship is being sought out of alleged necessity (i.e. parents not
pres	ently ab	le to properly care for the child(ren)), briefly explain the reason(s) that prevents the
pare	nts fron	providing proper care:
<u></u>		
 18.	Is/A	re the child(ren) in Petitioner(s)'s physical custody? □Yes □ No

If yes, explain how the child(ren)	came to be in Petitioner(s) physical custody:
	dy of the child(ren)? Yes No (Check One) other name in an official capacity (i.e. maiden name)
20. Has a DHS representative Guardianship on behalf of the child(ren)? If	e contacted Petitioner(s) in regard to filing of a Tyes, explain:
21. That the children ARE/ ARE Federal and State Indian Child Welfare Act	E NOT (circle one) Indian children as defined by the
If Applicable Name of Child Member of T	ribe Eligible for Membership & Parent is Member
above allegations and knows the contents t	duly sworn upon oath, states that he/she has read the thereof to be true and correct, and prays that he/she be ate or both the guardian of the person and estate of said
	(Signature)
	(Address)
	(City, State, Zip Code)
	(Telephone Number)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of 20
My Commission Number is: My Commission Expires:	

IN THE DISTRICT COU	RT OF		COUNTY
STATE	OF OKLAH	IOMA	
In the matter of the Guardianship of)	Case No.:
A Minor Child(ren)			
OKLAHOMA SEX OFFENDE	RS REGIST	RATIO	N ACT - AFFIDAVIT
I am not a person subject to registr Act. I am not married to or living with such has charges pending for, a felony or any violence, nor is anyone living with me or fre of, or has charges pending for, a felony or violence.	th a person, or relevant measurently pres	or a perso isdemear sent in my	on who has been convicted of, of the convicted of, of the convicted of the
That as guardian of the above mino to be left in the custody or direct care of a p under the Oklahoma Sex Offenders Regists the custody of a person married or living w convicted of any crime involving domestic of a person who has previously been con- relevant misdemeanor or acts of domestic	person who i ration Act. N rith such a pe abuse. Nor s victed of, or	s known Ior shall I erson, or hall these	to me to be subject to registration permit the child(ren) to be left in with any individual who has been a children be placed in the custody
	(Signature	e)	
•	(Address)		
	(City, Sta	te, Zip Co	ode)
	(Telephor	ne Numbe	er)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of		20
	(Notary P	ublic)	

PETITION EXHIBIT "B"

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF		COUNTY	
STATE OF OKLAR	IOMA		
In the matter of the Guardianship of) -) -)	Case No.:	
A Minor Child(ren)			
UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AFFIDAVIT	ON ANI	D ENFORCEMENT AC	r
guardianship proceeding, being first duly sworn upon o 1. The child(ren)	r in th ath, depo	ne above-styled and nu oses and states:	mbered
Presently resides at			
(Address/City/State/Zip Code)			
2. The child(ren) has resided at the followi (Address/City/State/Zip Code/Dates)	ng addre	ess during the last five (5)	years:
			
	_		
3. The names and present addresses of all persoduring the last five (5) years are: (Name/Address/City/	n(s) wit State/Zij	h whom the child(ren) has p Code)	resided
	_		_
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4. Have you participated as a proceeding concerning the custody of, or guardianship cases, if any): □Yes□No	party, witness or otherwise been involved in a legal r visitation with, said minor (to include previous
If Yes, identify the court, case number, and	date of participation:
minor's parents, custody proceedings of the	llowing proceedings pertaining to the divorce of the child(ren), proceedings involving domestic violence nination of parental rights, adoption, or Department of er court proceedings involving the child(ren):
6. I have knowledge that the fright to visitation with said child(ren): (Nar	Following name persons claim a right to custody or a ne/Address/City/State/Zip Code)
7. I acknowledge that I have a writing, of any additional information acqu	continuing duty under the law to inform the Court, in ired by me after executing this "Affidavit".
	(Signature)
	(Address)
	(City, State, Zip Code)
	(Telephone Number)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of20
	(Notary Public)

IN THE DISTRICT COUR	TOF		COUNTY
STATE	OF OKLAHO	MA	
In the matter of the Guardianship of)))	Case No.:
A Minor Child(ren)		,	
PLAN FOR THE CARE AN	D TREATME	NT OF	THE WARD(S)
			(print name(s)),
I/We the guardian(s) of the person and/or estate of	of the minor ch	ild(ren):	(print name(s));
ward's name(s)			
ward's address, city, state, zip code			
hereby submit this Guardianship Plan for th	e Care and Tre	eatment (of the above-listed ward(s).
1. I believe the services necess as follows: (Please explain what you do to will obtain those services)	ary for the phys provide care f	sical hear	Ith and safety of the ward(s) are amed minor child and how you
in implementing the terms of the most rece	the property hat he care and treat will make all sure ices will assist and dispositional	as been a atment of ach decis in fulfilli I order. I	appointed, I will share with the other ward. If a separate guardiantions consistent with the Orders ing the needs of the ward(s) and Please check all that apply:
authority to enroll in school and particip	oate in school a	ctivities	requiring a parent's approval
□ authority to consent to medical and psychological for the ward(s)	of the war	:d(s)	nine the residence
(Sign (Add (City	nature) iress) //State/Zip)		

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF	COUNTY
STATE OF O	KLAHOMA
In the matter of the Guardianship of))) Case No.:
A Minor Child(ren)	 ,
PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF	THE PROPERTY OF THE WARD(S)
I/We	(print name(s)),
I/We the guardian(s) of the person and/or estate of the	minor child(ren):
ward's name(s)	
ward's address, city, state, zip code	
hereby submit this: 🗆 initial 🗀 annual	(check one)
Guardianship Plan for the Management of the Pr	operty of the above-listed ward(s).
	h as insurance proceeds or social security
benefits) as follows: 2. I plan to care for the minor child's proper and/or provide these services):	rty as follows (include how you will obtain
3. The decisions as to the management of the Guardian of the Person, if a separate Guardian of will make all such decisions consistent with the	ne property of the ward will be shared with the f the Person has been appointed. Otherwise, I Orders of this Court. St in fulfilling the needs of the ward(s) and in
Signed this day of	
(Signature (Address)	e/Zip)

MINOR GUARDIANSHIP FORMS/PACKET CONTINUATION

STOP! DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS

- → Do not fill out all documents to completion.
- → Do leave any items blank that are meant for the Judge and/or their staff to complete.
- → Do include all documents in your packet when giving them to the Judge's staff.
- → Do ensure they are NOT filed when placed with your packet.
- → If you are uncertain on any of these documents, please STOP and ask the Judge's staff.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF	COUNTY
STATE OF O	KLAHOMA
In the matter of the Guardianship of)
A Minor Child(ren)	
ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION I	FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
Whereas, the Petition of	having
been filed in this Court on the day of	, 20, and it appearing
	venue for the matters alleged therein, the Court
	n be set for hearing on the day of
	clock □am □pm in the courtroom of Judge
of the District Court, Cou	
address of each of the following no less than ten (1) the minor, if fourteen (14) years (2) both parents of the minor; (3) all grandparents of the minor; (4) all adult brothers and sisters of the minor; (5) any person having custody or with all persons known to Petitioner with the minor.	of age or older; e minor:
The Petitioner(s) is/are required to prove	to the Court his/her compliance with these notice
requirements. Witness my hand and seal of said	l Court this day of
20	
(Print Nan	JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
(Address)	
(City, State	e, Zip Code)
· (Telephon	e No.)

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IN THE DISTI	RICT COURT OF	र	COUN	TY
11(111111111111111111111111111111111111	STATE OF O	KLAHOMA		
In the matter of the Guardian			Case No.:	
A Minor	Child(ren)			
NOTICE FOR HEARI	NG PETITION F	OR APPOIN	TMENT OF	GUARDIAN
You are hereby notified	l that			_
			has petitione	d this Court to be
appointed guardian of the a pe	erson and/or □ esta	te of the above-	-named minor	r(s),
, and that said Petition will b	e heard in the cour	troom of Judge		
	, Room	in the	e	County
Courthouse located at	<u> </u>	<u> – </u>		, on the
day of	20, at	o'clock □am □	pm at which	time you may
appear and show cause if any,	why said Petition	should not be g	granted.	
Witness my hand and seal of	said Court this	day of		, 20
	·			COLUMN COLUMN
		JUDGE O	F THE DISTI	RICT COURT
	(Print Nam	ne)		
	(Address)			
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IN THE DISTRICT COUR	COUNTY COUNTY
STATE	OF OKLAHOMA
In the matter of the Guardianship of) Case No.:
A Minor Child(ren)	
AFFIDAVIT OF SERV	/ICE BY PERSONAL SERVICE
Comes now, the petitioner(s),	and
and, having heretofore filed their petition for a true and accurate copy to the following pe	r guardianship, do allege and certify that they did send ersons at the address listed below.
Name:	Name:
Address line 1	Address line 1
Address line 2	Address line 2
Email (optional)	Email (optional)
	Respectfully Submitted,
	SIGNATURE
	PRINTED NAME
	ADDRESS LINE 1
	ADDRESS LINE 2 Phone:
	PETITIONER, PRO SE

	IN THE DIS	TRICT COURT OF		COUNTY
	S	TATE OF OKLAHO	MA	
	of the Guardianship A Minor Chi) Case)	· No.:
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	DECREE ANI	ORDER APPOINT	ING GUARD	OIAN
annointed as or	ardian(s) of the pers	on and/or estate of said the minor \square appearing	i minor child(i	to be ren). Petition(s) appearing ppearing not.
and finds that a parties and sub and otherwise guardianship is convenient a And that it is	all notices required be being fully advised as: \[\text{necessary} \] \[\text{not matter hereof, a being fully advised} \] \[\text{not necessary} \] \[\text{and with parental condition the best interest} \] \[\text{ADILIDGED}	by law have been given; and that Oklahoma Comin the premises, finds the parental unfitness/indusent and there is no find of said minor(s) that a AND DECREE.	that the Cour unty is the pro- that the Petitic apediment allo ding of parent guardian be D by	appointed. It is therefore the Court that
is appointed gu	nardian of the person	and/or guardian of the	estate of	be and hereby
appointment sl Court finds that (If applicable)	hall be effective from that the requirement of The Court finds	n and after said guardiant bond is ORDERED that bond in the among signed by a surety com	n executes the □ WAIVED. ount of	oath required by law. The
· -			-	shall have the
educational ne decisions in a authority of sa health, safety	eds of the minor chil relation thereto as aid guardian shall/sl , welfare, and edu	ld(ren) are properly serving be necessary. As hall not supersede the	ved and satista s custodial/no authority of t minor child(re	ealth, safety, welfare, and actorily met and make such in-custodial guardian, the he parent(s) regarding the en). Annual reporting IS
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•	IN THE DISTRICT	COURT OF		DUNTY	
	of the Guardianship A Minor Chile)) Case]	No.:	
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	LET	TERS OF GUARD	<u> </u>		
guardian	of the	person	is/are her	reby appointed estate	general of
WITNESS th this da	e undersigned Judge of	, 20	of Oklahoma Cou		<u>-</u>
	O	ATH OF GUARD	IAN(S)		
I/Weswear that I/V and/or estate	We will discharge all a	,		, do so	olemnly on
according to	law, and to the best of	my/our ability.			
Guardian Sign	nature		ardian Signature	<u>. </u>	
Subscribed a	nd sworn to before me	thisday of _		, 20	<u>.</u>
		JU (Print Name	DGE OF THE D	ISTRICT COUR	œT
		(Address)			
		(City, State,	Zip Code)		
-		(Telephone	No.)		

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF	COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAH	
In the matter of the Guardianship of	_) Case 110
	_) _)
A Minor Child(ren)	
ORDER APPROVING PROPOS	ED PLAN OF CARE
The Court, having been presented with the Gua	rdians Plan for the Care and Treatment of
the Ward(s) and Plan for the Management of	the Property of the Ward(s) filed on
, and being advised in the premis	es, does hereby approve and confirm said
Plan.	
Dated this day of, 20	
$\overline{\pi}$	DOGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
Approved as to Form:	
SIGNATURE	
PRINTED NAME	
PETITIONER, PRO SE	

	IN THE I	ISTRICT COUR	T OF		COUNTY
			OF OKLAHO	MA	
		Ardianship of Minor Child(ren))))	Case No.:
		INVENT	ORY OF EST	ATE	
I/We, herein, of the p	erson and	estate of the follow	wing child(ren), name	, General Guardians ed below.
CHILD 1: CHILD 2: CHILD 3: CHILD 4: CHILD 5:					
hereby submit property owne	an invento d by each	ory of the estate of child and its appro-	the child(ren) ximate value.	named	herein. Describe the type of
CHILD 1: CHILD 2: CHILD 3: CHILD 4: CHILD 5:		•			
			-OR-		
THE PROPER DOLLARS.	CTY OF T	HE CHILD(REN)	DOES NOT E	EXCEE	D THREE HUNDRED
Signed	on this	day of	بـــــــــــ	20	<u>_</u> .
Address'		_, Guardian	 Add	ress:	, Guardian

	IN THE DISTRICT COURT (OF		COUNTY
		OKLAHOMA		
	A Minor Child(ren)			Case No.:
	GUARDIAN AD L	ITEM DATA	SHE	ET
1.	Name:			
2.	Address:			
3,	Please list any other names YOU have	used (i.e. maid	len na	me):
4.	YOUR Date of Birth:	YOUR Social	Secur	ity No:
5.	Address where minor will live:			
6. stayin	The name(s) of EACH AND EVERY Ing in your home. Include date of birth:	PERSON (over	r the a	ge of 18) currently living in or
Name	e ·	Date of	Birth	·
	·			
7.	Has this child ever been involved with d(ren)? □Yes □ No If yes, please ex	DHS, or has I	OHS s	poken with you in regard to th

Petitioner 1:	Petitioner 2:
(Signature)	(Signature)
(Address)	(Address)
(City State Zin Code)	(City, State, Zip Code)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _	COUNTY
STATE OF OK	LAHOMA
In the matter of the Guardianship of))) Case No.:)
A Minor Child(ren)	
INFORMATIO	ON SHEET
TO: ALL APPLICANTS FOR GUARDIANSHI THE COURT REQUIRES THAT THE FOLLOWIT TO THE COURT CONSIDERING YOUR APPLIC 1. The name(s) of the child(ren) that you seek	NG INFORMATION BE PROVIDED PRIOR CATION FOR A GUARDIANSHIP:
	Date of Birth
Name	
2. The name(s) of EACH AND EVERY PE subject to the guardianship) currently living or stay	RSON (including yourself and the child(renges in your home. Include date of birth:
Name	Date of Birth

3. and are and (2)	If you currently do not have physic seeking physical custody, please estimates the Court need to remove	cal custody of the minor child(ren) subject to this case explain (1) who currently has custody of the child(ren); e the child from their care?
4. a guar the sai	If either parent is living in your ho dianship is necessary if you are allowe house:	me with the child(ren), please explain why you believe wing the child(ren) and the child(ren)'s parent to live in
5. Where	When was the last time the child(red did they see her? Address? Was it	en) saw their natural mother?her residence?
6.	When was the last time the child(r	en) saw their natural father?
	e did they see him? Address? Was it	
8.	ren)? □Yes □ No If yes, pleas Has there been a guardianship	with DHS, or has DHS spoken with you in regard to the se explain: of this child(ren) or a sibling of this child(ren)?
	e, or a crime involving domestic viol	r home, ever been charged and/or arrested with a felony lence? □Yes □ No If Yes, provide name and case no. In duly sworn upon oath, states that he/she has read the rue and correct.
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	,	(Signature)
		(Print Name)
		(Address)
	·	(City, State, Zip Code)
		(Telephone Number)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _	COUNTY
STATE OF OKI	AHOMA
In the matter of the Guardianship of A Minor Child(ren)	
NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN YEARS OF AGE	
1. I,	, a minor, years of age,
having been born on	, 20, in which Petitioners seeks
 apply); I am aware of my right to nominate a guard will appoint the person(s) I nominate if the Court approximate. I hereby nominate 	
(print full names of persons nominated) as guardia (check all that apply) if the Court determines that m	
	Signature of Minor
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day	of, 20
	Court Clerk/Notary/Judge

IN THE DISTRICT CO	URT OF		COU	NTY
STAT	E OF OKLAH	OMA		
In the matter of the Guardianship of		. ,	Case No.	:
A Minor Child(ren	n)	. /		
WAIVER OF NOTICE AND/OR CO	NSENT TO T	HE APP	OINTMEN	T OF GUARDIAN
Ι,			<u> </u>	·
of		<u> </u>		
of (address) being years of age	e, state under oa	th that I	am:	
☐ the above-named minor ☐ one of the above-named minor ☐ the mother of the above-named ☐ the father of the above-named of the maternal grandparent of the ☐ the paternal grandparent of the ☐ an adult sibling of the above-named of a person currently having cust currently reside ☐ a person who claims a right to a person who claims a right to a person who claims a right to be a person who claims a right to be above-named minor child(restate of the above-named minor child(restate of th	I minor child(reminor child(reminor child(reminor child(reminor child)) above-named mamed minor child cody of or with custody of the visitation with child c	minor chininor chinin	ne above-na med child(r e-named mi	en) nor child(ren)
Signed this day of	, 20_	·		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of _		otary Public	
My Commission Number is: My Commission Expires:				
My Commingator Dybros,				

COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the matter of the Guardianship of Case No.: A Minor Child(ren) PETITION FOR CUSTODY BY ABANDONMENT COME(S) NOW the Petitioner(s), _____, and inform(s) the Court as follows: 1. That I am now a resident in good faith of ______ County, and the State of Oklahoma for at least six (6) months prior to the filing of this petition. 2. That my home address is _______ 3. That my date of birth is _______ 4. That my Oklahoma driver license or other identification card number is ______. 5. That _____ is/are minor child(ren) ____ years of age, respectively, having the following date(s) of birth: 6. That I am related to the child(ren) as his/her/their _____. 7. That the child(ren) has/have been living in my home since the _____ day of _____ 20_____. Prior to this date, the child(ren) resided at the following address and in the following county and state: 8. That the Court has jurisdiction in this action to make a child custody determination pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Sections 551-101 through 551-402 of Title 43 of the Oklahoma Statutes in that Oklahoma is the home state of the minor child(ren). A Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act Affidavit is attached to this petition. 9. That the minor child(ren) is/are not Indian children within the meaning of the Federal or State Indian Child Welfare Acts. 10. That (check one) • I am unable to contact or locate either parent of the child(ren) or other person(s) having

legal custody of the child(ren) at this time.

 I made a written request to the 	child(ren)'s parent(s) or	otner person(s)	naving legar
custody of the child(ren) on the	day of	, 20	, to regain
physical custody of the child(ren), a request has been refused.	and said custodian has fa	ailed to regain cus	tody or such
11. That, at this time, I do/do not (choose o parent(s) or legal guardian(s).			
12. That granting Petitioner care and custoo general welfare of the child(ren) and to allo child care and/or other services for the chil	ow Petitioner to authoriz	cessary to provid e medical, dental,	e for the educational,
13. That I hereby accept care and custody of supervision of the child(ren).	of the child(ren). I will e	xercise continuing	g general
14. That I am qualified to be granted care a Court that I am not a minor, incapacitated this petition is a completed Oklahoma Sex conflicts of interest that would preclude or best interest(s) of the minor child(ren).	person or partially incap Offenders Registration	acitated person. A Act Affidavit. The	ere are no
WHEREFORE, the Petitioner pra abandonment and issue Letters of Custody	ys the Court to grant I by Abandonment upon	etitioner care and the taking of the	d custody by oath.
	Signature of Attorney	or Pro Se Petitio	ner
Print Your Name			
Print Your Address		·	
City, State, Zip Code			
Phone Number			

VERIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)		•
) SS.		
COUNTY OF)		
that I am the Petitioner named	l above; that I h at the facts set	ave read the foreg	orn upon oath depose and state going Petition and understand it oing Petition are true and correc
Signature of Petitioner			
Subscribed and sworn to before	re me this	day of	, 20
		Notary Pu	uhlic
		Notary Pu	iblic
My Commission Number is:			
			