

Petition for Appointment of Guardian(s) of Minor(s)



Packet #2



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Petition for Appointment of Guardian(s) of Minor(s) & Frequently Asked Questions



This packet contains information, instructions, and the petition for you to complete and file with the Court.

What is a Petition for Appointment of Guardian(s) of Minor(s)?

It is a written, legal request for guardianship of a minor.

What does “Petitioner” mean?

The Petitioner is the person or persons asking the Court to be appointed the guardian of a minor.

What is a Guardianship of a Minor Proceeding?

A guardianship of a minor proceeding is the Court process used to legally establish a guardian for a minor and to establish legal decision-making.

Should I see a lawyer for help?



Court cases can be very complicated, and even if you are representing yourself you may want to see a lawyer for legal advice as to how the law applies to you and what is best in your particular situation. This might save you time, money, and trips to Court and help you to avoid serious mistakes. There are lawyers who will help you on a limited basis. They will only charge for giving the help you need, and you can complete the Court papers on your own or ask the lawyer for help.

For more information, call the Self-Service Center at **(520) 724-8456** and ask how to find an attorney.

Where is the Self-Service Center?

The Self-Service Center is located in the Pima County Law Library, Room 256, on the second floor of the Pima County Superior Court, 110 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701. It is open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays). For more information, call (520) 724-8456 or email pcll@sc.pima.gov.

General Instructions for Completing This Packet



You may use fillable forms available online at

<http://www.azcourts.gov/selfservicecenter/Self-Service-Forms/Filing-for-Minor-Guardianship> or print the attached form and complete by hand. If you are filling out this form by hand, please use ink.

This packet contains the following form that must be filled out and submitted to the Court:

- **Petition for Appointment of Guardian(s) of Minor(s)**

Caption:

Personal information – Fill in your name, street address, city, state, ZIP code, telephone number.

Case No. & Judge/Commissioner – Leave this blank. The clerk will fill in this information for you when you file your Petition.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of – Enter the name as the Minor(s).

Petitioner(s):

Enter your name into black space. Please include names of all people assuming guardianship.

Series of True Statements to the Court:

1. Write the minor's complete date of birth. Please include all minors involved.
2. This line needs to include deceased or living names of parents of the minor. Also include their addresses, if known. If deceased, include dates of death.
3. The minor needs to either reside or be present in Pima County. If the minor is not in Pima County, you need to file in the county they are in.
4. No other guardianship proceedings have begun.
5. Parental powers and responsibilities have been suspended by circumstances or terminated by Court order.

6. Explain, in detail, why a guardianship is necessary and in the best interests of the minor.
7. Enter your full name here. If there is another adult asking for guardianship with you for the same minor, enter their full name. Keep in order, your full name with your full date of birth. Then their full name with their full date of birth.
8. State your relationship with minor. Example: Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, or friend.
9. List anyone who must to be notified. This includes the following:
 - o Parents
 - o Minor, if they are 14 years old or older.
 - o Anyone who the minor has lived with in the last 60 days.

You must request that the Court appoint you as guardian of the minor. In the blanks requesting the Court to appoint a guardian, enter your full name here. If there is another adult asking for guardianship with you for the same minor, enter their full name too.



**Please understand you are promising that every statement is true.
There may be penalties for making false statements.**

Please sign and date your document.

7. _____ and _____, born _____ and residing at _____ is/are qualified to serve as guardian(s).
8. The relationship between the proposed guardian(s) and the minor(s) is (grandparent, friend, aunt, brother, etc.):
9. The persons entitled to notice of this proceeding are (minor if 14 or older; any living parent; persons having care and custody during last 60 days):

NAME AND ADDRESS

RELATIONSHIP

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Petitioner(s) request(s) that the court appoint _____ and _____ as guardian(s) of the minor(s).

The undersigned swears or affirms that the statements set forth above are true and correct, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

Date

Petitioner's Signature

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