Information and Instructions for Minor Guardianship Packet

A minor guardianship is a legal proceeding where physical and legal custody of a minor or minors may be given by the Court to someone who is not their biological parent. A guardian holds sole legal and physical custody of the children. A child's parents do not have legal or physical custody when a guardian is appointed.

This packet has all the forms you need for the usual minor guardianship case. Not every case is the same, so you might not need to use every form in this packet. This packet can be used for multiple children if they are siblings or half siblings.

The people who want to be guardians (proposed guardians) should fill this packet out. The person or people who file this packet are also called petitioners.

This instruction sheet has two sections:

- 1. A summary of what must happen before you can be a guardian
- 2. A detailed description of each form in this packet

Before a Guardian can be Appointed

There are three parts to a minor guardianship case before a guardian can be appointed.

Part 1:

Start by filling out these forms:

- Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 1)
- Notice of Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 2)

If one of the minors is 14 or older, also fill out:

• Notice to Minor Respondent of Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 3)

Write the minors' names in the top left corner of all the rest of the forms in the packet.

Any parents who agree to you being guardian can fill out a consent form. The parent's signature on the consent form must be witnessed by a notary or court clerk. You won't be required to serve a parent who fills out a consent form.

Come to the Court to file when forms 1, 2, and 3 (if needed) are filled out. There is a \$124 filing fee. The filing fee can be waived or deferred with the Court's Fee Waiver or Deferral form if you are experiencing financial hardship.

Part 2:

Service is the legal process of letting someone know that you have filed legal documents with the Court. It is your responsibility to serve every person who needs to know of your petition for minor guardianship.

These are the people who you are required to serve, if applicable in your situation:

- Parents or people who claim to be parents who haven't filled out a consent form
- Any minors listed in the petition who are 14 or older
- Anyone the minors have lived with in the past 60 days
- Anyone the minors are currently living with
- Any attorney representing any of the minors
- Any attorney-in-fact and any nominated or appointed fiduciary for the minors
- A minor's Indian custodian and tribe
- DHS and/or OHA if the minor is receiving government assistance from either
- If the biological parents have died, the people most closely related to the children, and anyone nominated in a will to care for them

There are two standard ways of doing service: personally and by mail.

Personal service is when the documents are handed directly to the person being served by an adult who is not connected to the case. A Sheriff process server can perform personal service for a fee.

Mailed service is when the documents are mailed to the last known address of the person being served.

<u>A minor 14 or older and all parents MUST be given personal service</u>. Anyone else can be given mailed service.

An adult being served must receive the following documents:

- Notice of Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 2)
- Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 1)
- Objection (Form 6)
- Request for Notice (Form 7)

A minor 14 or older being served must receive the following documents:

- Notice to Minor Respondent of Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 3)
- Minor Respondent's Acceptance of Service (Form 4)
- Petition for Minor Guardianship (Form 1)
- Objection (Form 6)

Part 3:

Fill out the last 3 forms:

- Proof of Personal Service (Form 8) (This form should be filled out by the person served the parents and/or minors)
- Proof of Mailed Service (Form 9)
- Limited Judgment Establishing Guardianship (Form 10)

Everyone who has been served has time to object. They have 21 days if they were given personal service and 24 days if they were given mailed service. For more information on the time to object, read ORS 125.065 and ORCP 10.

Bring or mail forms 8 and 9 to the Court as soon as personal and mailed service is complete.

Bring or mail form 10 to the Court if the objection periods end without any objections.

If anyone files an objection, the Court will schedule a hearing to address the objection. The Court will mail you the information about your hearing if it schedules one.

A Judge will review your case and make a decision about this guardianship when the Court has all the forms it needs.

If you are appointed guardian, the Court will let you know by mailing you some documents that describe your duties as guardian.

Forms in this Packet

Form 1: Petition for Minor Guardianship

This document provides important information to the Court to start this minor guardianship case. You must fill out all 20 sections on this form. Below are instructions for each section of the petition:

- 1. List the minors you want to be guardian for. If there are more than 3, check the "Additional page" box and either list the additional minors on the back of the first page of the petition or on a blank piece of paper.
- 2. List the person or people the minors live with, that address, and which county it is in. You cannot use this packet to file for minor guardianship if the minors are not currently present in Oregon.
- 3. You are telling the Court this is a true statement by signing and filing this form.

- 4. Write your name and address. If you are asking the Court to appoint two guardians, also write the name and address of the second person. The people listed here are called proposed guardians. Both people listed here must sign the petition, so you are also both petitioners.
- 5. Explain your relationship to the minors.
- 6. If any of the statements apply, check " has" **and** explain. Otherwise, check " has not".
- 7. Mark "do" if you want to place any of the minors on this petition in a mental health care facility or residential facility.
- 8. Examples: DHS or OHA employees.
- 9. List the children's parents and their last known mailing address.
- 10. If Parent 1 or Parent 2 has died, mark the box, and write 1 and/or 2 in the blank.
- 11. If any of the minors do not have a legal father, mark the box, and list the minors who do not have a legal father.
- 12. Describe how the children are not receiving the care they need from each person that has legal custody of them. Be as specific and concise as you can.
- 13. List the information for every court case concerning the custody of the minors that you are aware of.
- 14. List every person the minors have lived with in the past 60 days, even if you have already listed them somewhere else on this form.
- 15. List every person you are aware of who has access to the minors or claims to have the right to access the minors.
- 16. If any of the minors are members of a Native American tribe or eligible to be members of a Native American tribe, then the tribe must be given service.

Service must be mailed by registered mail with return receipt. Proof of mailing via registered mail and <u>a copy of the returned receipt</u> must be filed. You can use **Form 8** to do this.

- 17. List every person the minor(s) have lived with in the past five years and a mailing address for that person. Dates can be approximate. If you need more space, mark the box "Continued on back".
- 18. List all financial assets, property, and sources of income you are aware of. These can be social security, child support, food stamps, and more.
- 19. If any of the minors have someone giving them medical care, check the "has" box and list the medical professional's information.

20. If any of the statements apply, check " has" and list the person's information. Otherwise, check " has not". A fiduciary is someone responsible to act with someone else's best interest in mind, they are most commonly a guardian, conservator, trustee, or power-of-attorney.

At the end of the form, there are two locations for signatures and contact information. If you are asking the court to appoint two guardians, both must sign and provide their information. If you are asking the court to only appoint one guardian, only use the 'petitioner' section.

Form 2: Notice of Petition for Minor Guardianship

This form must be included with service to every person who needs to be served (except a minor 14 or older – **Form 3** is specifically for them and has slightly different information).

The two blanks need to be filled in with the proposed guardians' names, and their relationship with the minors.

Form 3: Notice to Minor Respondent of Petition for Minor Guardianship

You only need to use this form for service to a minor 14 or older. It should be filled out with the same information as **Form 2**.

This form is only for service to a minor respondent 14 or older.

Form 4: Minor Respondent's Acceptance of Service

This form must be filled out by every minor age 14 or older when they are personally served. It lets the Court know that the minor has received service. The minor's signature must be witnessed by a notary <u>or</u> a court clerk.

This form is only for service to a minor respondent 14 or older.

Form 5: Consent to Minor Guardianship

You don't need to have someone served if they fill out and file a consent form. Any adult that needs to be served can fill out a consent form if they agree to you being guardian. Contact the Probate Department if you need a consent form for someone who isn't a parent.

You only need to write in the minors' names and the case number.

Form 6: Objection to Petition for Minor Guardianship

An objection form needs to be part of all service packets. You only need to write the minors' names in the top left and the case number in the top right.

Form 7: Request for Notice

Anyone can file this form and pay the filing fee. The Request for Notice form lets the petitioners and Court know that they want copies of all filings and notice of all hearings.

A minor 14 or older and the petitioners receive that information automatically.

You only need to write the minors' names in the top left and the case number in the top right.

Form 8: Proof of Mailed Service

This is how you prove to the court know that you have served everyone who needs to be served by mail. If you need an additional form with more space to write information for people you have served, contact the Probate Department.

Mark the box and perform service if the minors are on the Oregon Health Plan or have been involved with a DHS case in the past.

Form 9: Proof of Personal Service

Only adults who are not connected to this case can do personal service for you. The person who did personal service must fill out this form.

You may pay a fee for the sheriffs or a process server to do personal service for you.

Form 10: Limited Judgment Establishing Guardianship for Minors

This is the document that a Judge signs to create a guardianship.

The first blank on the first page and the first two blanks on the second page should be filled in with the names of the proposed guardians.

A proceeding is contested if someone has filed an objection. If someone has filed an objection, mark "was" and the appropriate box.

Fill your information in the bottom.

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	Case No				
		Pe	etition for M	linor Guardianship	
Mi	nors				
	pointment of guardians with tements are true:	plenary authority for the	_, the Petitic minors desc	oner am asking for the ribed below. The following	
1.	The minors' names, ages	and birth years are:			
	Child 1:	Child 2:		Child 3:	
	Age and Birth Year:	Age and Birth Year:		Age and Birth Year:	
	_ 10	ed with information for m			
2.		e with		at the	
	This address is in County, Oregon. The minors are currently physically present in the State of Oregon.				
3.	No other court in Oregon has acquired jurisdiction of this matter. No guardian has been appointed for these minors. I understand I must inform the court if I find out about another custody proceeding concerning any of the minors on this petition filed anywhere in Oregon, in another state, or in another country.				
4. The proposed guardians are competent, qualified, and willing to serve as guardian. All guardians are 18 or older. Their names and mailing addresses are:					
	Guardian 1:	Gu	ardian 2:		
	Address:	Add	dress:		

5۰	The proposed	guardians'	relationship	to the	minors i	is:

- **6.** The proposed guardians \Box have \Box have not:
 - Been convicted of a crime
 - Filed for or received protection under bankruptcy laws
 - Failed to do a fiduciary duty and caused a loss that they were found responsible for
 - Been removed as a fiduciary in Oregon
 - Had a professional license canceled or revoked

If any of the above have happened, please explain: _____

- **7.** The proposed guardians \Box do \Box do not intend on placing any of the minors in a mental health treatment facility or other residential facility.
- **8.** The proposed guardian or guardians \Box are \Box are not an agency or employees of an agency that provides services to the minors.
- **9.** The name and address for the parents of the minors are:

Parent 1:	Parent 2:
Address:	Address:

- **10.** Parent ______ is deceased.
- **11.** The listed minors have no legal father. minors:
- 12. The minors need a guardian because:

No less restrictive alternative would allow the minors to receive the care they need.

13. There have been the following court proceedings concerning the custody of these minors:

State	County	Case Number	Type of Case

I am not aware of any other open or closed court case for the custody of the minors listed here.

- 14. These are the people the minors have lived with in the past 60 days: _____
- **15.** The following people have physical custody, claim to have custody rights, or claim to have visitation rights:
- **16.** The minors \square are \square are not:
 - Members of a Native American tribe
 - Eligible to be members of ______ Native American tribe and biological children of a member of that tribe.
- **17.** In the past 5 years, the minors have lived in the following locations with the following people:

Date (n	nm/yy)			
From:	To:	Minors lived with:	Their mailing address is:	County:

Page attached with additional information

18. I believe the minors have the following sources of income and hold the following assets:

The proposed guardians seek the authority to manage the estates of the minors.

19. The minors \Box have \Box do not have a doctor or other person giving them medical care.

If the minors do have a doctor, please complete the information below:

Role:		
Name:		
Address:		

20. There \Box has \Box has not been any person:

- Made a fiduciary for the minors by a court of any state
- Made a trustee for a trust which the minors receive money from
- Appointed as a health care representative
- Making decisions for the minors with a Power of Attorney

If any of the above have occurred, list the information for the relevant person below:

Role:		
Name:		
Address:		

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

<u>Petitioner</u>		
Date:	Signature:	
Printed Name:		
		Email:
<u>Co-petitioner (if any)</u>		
Date:	Signature:	
Printed Name:		
Phone:		Email:

In the Matter of the Minor Guardianship of

Case No.

Notice of Petition for Minor Guardianship

Minors

Notice: A petition (request) to appoint guardians for the minors listed above has been filed with the

Court. The proposed guardians are

and their relationship to the minors listed is _____

A copy of the petition has been included with this notice. Any objections to this petition must be filed within:

- 24 days from the date of mailing if this notice was mailed (ORS 125.065 and ORCP 10) •
- 21 days from the date of service if this notice was served personally (ORS 125.065) •

If you wish to receive copies of future filings in this case but do not want to object at this time, you may use the included Request for Notice form (Form 6, included in the attached documents). There is a \$281 filing fee, which can be waived or deferred with the Court's Fee Waiver or Deferral packet. If you choose to do this, file the request for notice with the Court and mail a photocopy to the petitioners.

Unless you take these steps, you will receive no further copies of the filings in the case.

Objections may be presented orally at, mailed to, or delivered to:

Multnomah County Circuit Court **Probate Department** 1200 SW First Avenue Portland, OR 97204

Date:	Signature:	
Printed Name:		
	(s):	
Address:		
	Email:	
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Notice to Minor Respondent of Petition for Minor Guardianship

Minors

A petition (request) to appoint guardians for you has been filed with the Court. The proposed

guardians are _____

and their relationship to you listed is _____

If you want to object, you will not be required to pay any fee. Fill out and file the included objection form **within 21 days** of when you were given this notice. (ORS 125.065)

If a guardian is appointed for you, they will have the right to decide where you live, and what medical treatments you receive (with some exceptions). They will be responsible for providing for your care and, unless a conservator is appointed, your property. Your financial resources may be used to pay court-approved expenses for this guardianship proceeding.

The Court may appoint a guardian without any hearing or additional notice if you do not object.

You have following rights in this guardianship case:

- The right to be represented by an attorney
- The right to file a written or oral objection
- The right to request a hearing
- The right to present evidence and crossexamine witnesses at any hearing
- The right to request at any time that the power of the fiduciary be limited by the court
- The right to request at any time the removal of the fiduciary or a modification of the protective order

There are free or low-cost legal services available locally. For example, you may call Legal Aid Services of Oregon at 503-224-4086.

Objections may be presented orally at, mailed to, or delivered to:

Multnomah County Circuit Court Probate Department 1200 SW 1st Avenue Portland, OR 97204

Date:	Signature:	
Printed Name:		
Relationship to	Minor(s):	
Address:		
Phone:		
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		Acceptance of Service
Minors	_	
I,	, understand	is
I,asking the Court to be my guardian. I am 14 ye appoint a guardian for me, with a copy of the p		ed notice of the petition to
I understand I have 21 days from today to obj my guardian. (ORS 125.065)	ect to	being
Date: Signature:		
Printed Name:		
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Subscribed and sworn before me on County.	in the State of	,
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Notary Public for Oregon/Court Clerk

My Commission Expires: _____

FOR THE COU 1200 SW FIRST AV	rt of the State of Oregon inty of Multnomah enue, Portland Or 97204 te Department
In the Matter of the Minor Guardianship of	
	Case No
	Consent to Minor Guardianship
Minors	
I,	, state that I am a parent of the minors I have listed
below. I consent (agree) to the request to appoint	ntas
guardians for the minors I have listed below:	
Minor 1:	
Minor 2:	
Minor 3:	
this person as my children's guardian. I also wa about this person's request to be my children's g	-
Date: Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Subscribed and sworn before me on County.	in the State of,
Notary Public for Oregon/Court Clerk	
My Commission Expires:	

Form	6

	FOR THE COUN 1200 SW FIRST AVEN	r of the State of Oregon ty of Multnomah iue, Portland OR 97204 Department
In the Matter of th	e Minor Guardianship of	
		Case No
Minors		Objection to Petition for Minor Guardianship
		, object to the petition for guardianship of the
minors listed above	e. My relationship to the minor	rs is
I object to the petit	ion for guardianship because:	
	understand they are mad	s are true to the best of my knowledge and e for use as evidence in court and I am
Date:		
Phone:	Email:	

Note: A minor listed on this case will pay no filing fee. All others must pay a **\$124 filing fee** to object. The fee can be waived or deferred with the Court's Fee Waiver or Deferral form.

Mail or deliver this objection to:	Multnomah County Circuit Court
-	Probate Department
	1200 SW First Avenue
	Portland, OR 97204

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Case No. _____

Request for Notice

Minors

I am asking to receive copies of all future filings in this proceeding and to receive notice of any

hearing scheduled in this case. I have mailed a copy of this request to the petitioner. My relationship to the minors is ______.

Note: A minor 14 years or older is entitled to copies of all filings and to receive notice of any hearing scheduled in this case. They do not need to file this request for notice.

All others will be required to pay the \$281 filing fee. This fee can be waived or deferred with the Court's Fee Waiver or Deferral form.

Date:	Signature:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

Mail or deliver this request for notice to the petitioner and to:

Multnomah County Circuit Court Probate Department 1200 SW First Avenue Portland, OR 97204

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Case No. _____

Proof of Mailed Service

Minors

I have served the people or agencies listed below by mailing the listed documents with first class mail to their last known address.

Documents served:

- Notice of Petition for Minor Guardianship
- Petition for Minor Guardianship
- Blank Objection form
- Blank Request for Notice form

Parties served:

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Mailed on date:		_At time:
Department of Hum		
		_At time:
Name/Agency:		
		At time:
	lerstand they are m	nts are true to the best of my knowledge and ade for use as evidence in court and I am
Date:	Signature:	
Printed Name:		
Address:		

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Proof of Personal Service

Minors

I have personally served the people identified below by delivering the listed documents to them.

Documents	Served	to an	Adult:

- Notice of Petition for Minor Guardianship
- Petition for Minor Guardianship
- Blank Objection form
- Blank Request for Notice form

Documents Served to a Minor:

- Notice to Minor Respondent of Petition for Minor Guardianship
- Petition for Minor Guardianship
- Minor Respondent's Acceptance of Service
- Blank Objection form

Parties served:

Name:			
Relationship to Minor	rs:		
Address:			
Served on date:		At time:	
Name:			
Address:			
I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.			
Date:	Signature:		
Printed Name:			
Address:			

In the Matter of the Minor Guardianship of

	Case No
<u></u>	Limited Judgment Establishing Minor Guardianship
Minor	S
This n	natter came before the Court pursuant to the petition for the appointment of
	as legal guardian(s) for the above-named minor(s).
The Co	ourt has examined the records and files and determined by clear and convincing evidence that:
1.	Venue is properly in this court of Multnomah County and no other Court in this state has acquired jurisdiction in this matter;
2.	Notices as required by ORS 125.060 have been given to the persons entitled to them;
	The respondent(s) listed above is/are minor(s);
4.	The appointment of a guardian is necessary as a means of providing continuing care and supervision of the minor(s);
5.	The proceeding 🗌 was 🗌 was not contested and:
	The objection(s) were resolved in a contested hearing on
	The objection(s) were resolved in some other way:
6.	The proposed guardian(s) is/are qualified, suitable, and willing to act as guardian for the minor(s) listed above and;
7.	No less restrictive alternative would adequately provide for the care and supervision of the minor(s) listed above.
	ourt advises the proposed guardian(s) of the following powers and duties of a guardian under 25.315, limitations under ORS 125.320 and requirements under ORS 125.325:

A guardian of a minor has the powers and responsibilities of a parent who has legal custody of a child(ren), except that the guardian has no obligation to support the child(ren) beyond the support that can be provided from the estate of the child(ren), and the guardian is not liable for the torts of the child(ren).

Whenever appropriate, a guardian will arrange for the education of the child(ren).

A guardian may consent, refuse consent, or withdraw consent to health care for the child(ren).

Guardians are required to file a report with the court each year between the date this judgment was signed and the date 30 days after. Guardians must promptly inform the court of any change of address.

- _____is/are
- appointed legal Guardian(s) for the above-named minor(s) effective immediately without a hearing and without requirement of a surety bond.
- 2. The Guardian(s) shall have all the statutory powers and duties of a guardian pursuant to ORS 125.
- 3. Physical custody of the minor(s) is hereby awarded to the Guardian(s).
- 4. Legal custody of the minor(s) is hereby awarded to the Guardian(s).
- 5. Letters of Guardianship shall be issued to:

Certificate of Readiness:

1.

Service is not required because this is an uncontested probate matter.

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Date:	Signature:
Address:	
Phone:	
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