

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Unit

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. _____

In re Guardianship Of:

[Empty box for case name]

PETITION TO APPOINT FINANCIAL GUARDIAN FOR A MINOR

Any settlement of a claim on behalf of a minor child by a parent or guardian that does not exceed \$10,000 in value IS NOT a probate case for minor financial guardianship. The settlement of a claim for a child valued at \$10,000 or less is a matter for review by a civil division judge, prior to the execution of any such settlement pursuant to 14 V.S.A. §2643(a).

I ask the court to appoint a financial guardian for the minor: .

In support of this request, I state under oath:

1. Reason for Guardianship

It is necessary to appoint a guardian for the minor’s property because the minor has a parent living, and the minor is the owner of real and personal property:

Describe the nature of the minor’s real and personal property, e.g., claim in litigation, inheritance from an estate, etc.:

[Four horizontal lines for describing property]

2. Information about the Minor: (You must provide the Court with a copy of the child’s birth certificate when you file the petition.)

Table with 4 columns: Name of Minor, DOB, Age, Grade; Current Address where Minor resides, Town, State, Zip; Current Mailing Address if different, Phone Number.

3. Information about the parents of the minor (If either parent is deceased, you must provide a copy of the death certificate.)

a.	Name of Parent #1	DOB	Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Age
	Mailing Address for Parent #1	Town	State	Zip
	Residential Address if different	Town	Phone Number	
b.	Name of Parent #2	DOB	Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Age
	Mailing Address for Parent #2	Town	State	Zip
	Residential Address if different	Town	Phone Number	

c. If you cannot provide a valid name and/or address for one or both parents, please describe in detail the efforts that have been made to locate the parent or parents. If the identity of the father is unknown, provide all of the information you can about potential fathers and any prior paternity proceedings.

4. Status of Legal Custody of Minor

The following person or person(s) currently has/have parental rights and responsibilities (legal custody) for the minor:

Name(s)	Relationship to Minor
Mailing Address	
Legal custody was granted by a court?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name and address of court	

5. Information about Proposed Guardian and Co-Guardian, if any:

Guardian	<i>Name of proposed guardian</i>		<i>DOB</i>
	<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Zip</i>
	<i>Phone Number</i>		
	<i>Relationship between proposed guardian and minor child:</i>		
	Relative <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Neighbor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
If there is a proposed co-guardian, provide information below about that person			
Co-Guardian	<i>Name of proposed co-guardian</i>		<i>DOB</i>
	<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Zip</i>
	<i>Phone Number</i>		
	<i>Relationship between proposed co-guardian and minor child</i>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Neighbor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

THEREFORE, I/we request that the court appoint a financial guardian for the minor child. By signing this petition, I/we certify that I/we have read the petition and that to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief, the facts set forth in the petition are true and that the petition is not filed for any improper purpose such as to harass or cause unnecessary delay or needless litigation.

I/we declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/we understand that if the above statements are false, I/we will be subject to the penalty of perjury or to other sanctions in the discretion of the court.

Petitioner 1 Information

Date: _____

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Mailing Address

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Petitioner 2 Information

Date: _____

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Mailing Address

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Attachments:

- Filing fee payable to the Vermont Superior Court, Probate Division
- List of Interested Persons
- A copy of the birth certificate of the minor child*
- If either parent is deceased, a copy of the death certificate*

- Statement of Assets and Income

*Check with the probate court where you will file the petition to see if the court requires that birth certificates and death certificates be certified.