

Superior Court of Washington
County of _____
Juvenile Court

Guardianship of:

D.O.B.:

No: _____

**Petition for Order Appointing Title 13 RCW
Guardian
(PT)**

Dependency Case No: _____

I. Basis

1.1 The petitioner seeking a guardianship for the child is: _____
_____ [Name: Title/Agency/Relationship]

1.2 **Information about the child** male female

Name	
Date of Birth	
Home Address	

The child is in the custody of _____
_____ [Name of Institution, Agency, or Person]

Address: _____

1.3 **Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)**

	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> presumed <input type="checkbox"/> alleged
Name	1	2
Home Address		
Phone Number		

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> presumed <input type="checkbox"/> alleged	<input type="checkbox"/> Custodian/Legal Guardian
Name	3	4
Home Address		
Phone Number		

1.4 Information about the proposed guardian(s)

Name	3	4
Home Address		

The proposed guardian(s) is/are 21 years of age or older and meet(s) the minimum requirements to care for children as established by DSHS/DCYF under RCW 74.15.030, including but not limited to licensed foster parents, relatives, or suitable persons.

1.5 Child's Indian Status

Based upon the following, the petitioner does not have reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040 and 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4), and the Federal and Washington State Indian Child Welfare Acts do not apply to this proceeding:

Based upon the following, the petitioner knows or has reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040 and 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4), and the Federal and Washington State Indian Child Welfare Acts apply to this proceeding:

The petitioner has made the following preliminary efforts to provide notice of this proceeding to all tribes to which the petitioner knows or has reason to know the child may be **(1)** a member or **(2)** eligible for membership if the biological parent is also a member.

1.6 Service Members' Relief Acts (Active Duty Military)

*(The **federal** Servicemembers Civil Relief Act covers:*

- *Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard members on active duty;*
- *National Guard or Reserve members under a call to active service for more than 30 days in a row; and*
- *commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and NOAA.*

*The **state** Service Members' Civil Relief Act covers those service members listed above who are either stationed in or residents of Washington state, and their dependents, except for the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and NOAA.)*

- (c) The child has been removed, or will, at the time of the hearing, have been removed from the custody of the parent for a period of at least six consecutive months following a finding of dependency under RCW 13.34.030.
- (d) The services ordered under RCW 13.34.130 and 13.34.136 have been offered or provided and all necessary services reasonably available, capable of correcting the parental deficiencies within the foreseeable future have been offered or provided;
- (e) There is little likelihood that conditions will be remedied so the child can be returned to the parents in the near future;
- (f) The proposed guardian signed a statement acknowledging the guardian's rights and responsibilities toward the child and affirming the guardian's understanding and acceptance that the guardianship is a commitment to provide care for the child until the child reaches age 18.

1.10 Exceptional Circumstances when child has no legal parent

- Does not apply.
- The child has no legal parent. The following exceptional circumstances support the establishment of the guardianship:
 - the child has special needs and a suitable guardian is willing to accept custody and able to meet the needs of the child to an extent unlikely to be achieved through adoption.
 - the proposed guardian has demonstrated a commitment to provide for the long-term care of the child and:
 - is a relative of the child;
 - has been a long-term caregiver for the child and has acted as a parent figure to the child and is viewed by the child as a parent figure; or
 - the child's family has identified the proposed guardian as the preferred guardian, and, if the child is age 12 years or older, the child also has identified the proposed guardian as the preferred guardian.
 - Other:

II. Relief Requested

Petitioner requests the court to:

- 2.1 appoint a Title 13 RCW guardian for the child.
- 2.2 convert the dependency guardianship to a guardianship under chapter 13.36 RCW and dismiss the dependency.
- 2.3 order the guardianship to remain in effect until the child reaches the age of 18 years, or until further order of the court.
- 2.4 grant the proposed guardian physical and legal custody of the child and vest the proposed

guardian with the authority to provide food, clothing, shelter, education as required by law, and health care for the child, including but not limited to, medical, dental, mental health, psychological, and psychiatric care and treatment, and to consent to health care for the child and sign a release authorizing the sharing of health care information with appropriate authorities, in accordance with state law.

2.5 Appoint a guardian ad litem or attorney for the child.

Dated: _____

Petitioner or Petitioner's Lawyer

Type or Print Name/Title WSBA No.

III. Certification

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the representations in the foregoing Petition for Order Appointing Title 13 RCW Guardian are true and correct.

Dated at _____ (city) Washington on _____ (date)

Signature Type or Print Name

Address Telephone Number