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| **Superior Court of Washington**  **County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Juvenile Court** |  |
| Vulnerable Youth Guardianship of:  D.O.B.: | **No**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Petition to Appoint Vulnerable Youth Guardian**  **(PT)** |

**I. Basis**

1.1 Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is a youth at least 18 and under 21 years old, and seeks the appointment of a vulnerable youth guardian (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who joins in this petition.

1.2 **Information about the youth**

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| Full Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Place of Birth |  |
| Home Address |  |

1.3 **Information about the proposed Vulnerable Youth Guardian**

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| Full Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Home Address |  |

The proposed vulnerable youth guardian is 21 years of age or older and is capable of performing the duties of a vulnerable youth guardian as stated in RCW 13.90.040. The proposed vulnerable youth guardian may include but is not limited to parents, licensed foster parents, relatives, or other suitable persons, as defined under RCW 13.90.010.

1.4 The youth petitioner is a vulnerable youth based on:

abuse  abandonment  neglect by one or both parents.

one or both parents cannot adequately provide for the youth such that the youth risks physical or psychological harm if the youth returns to the home, or

another basis under state law pursuant to RCW \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Based upon the following:

1.5 The court should find vulnerable youth guardianship is in the best interest of the youth for the reasons stated above and for the following additional reasons (***please specify***):

1.6 The following circumstances apply:

(a) The youth is over 18 years of age but has not yet turned 21 years old;

(b) The youth requests the support of a responsible adult;

(c) The youth is not a “non-minor dependent” who is participating in extended foster care services authorized under RCW 74.13.031;

(d) The proposed guardian has agreed to join in the vulnerable youth guardianship petition;

(e) The proposed guardian is suitable, agrees to serve as a guardian, and is capable of performing the duties of a guardian as stated in RCW 13.90.040; and

(f) The proposed guardian signed a declaration acknowledging the guardian’s rights and responsibilities toward the vulnerable youth and affirming the guardian’s understanding and acceptance that the guardianship is a commitment to provide care for the vulnerable youth until s/he reaches age 21 or until such time that the court grants the vulnerable youth’s or guardian’s request that the vulnerable youth guardianship be modified or terminated.

1.7  Other:

**II. Relief Requested**

Petitioner requests the court to:

2.1 appoint a vulnerable youth guardian for the youth.

2.2 order the vulnerable youth guardianship to remain in effect until the vulnerable youth reaches the age of 21 years.

2.3 grant the proposed vulnerable youth guardian custody of the youth and specify the proposed vulnerable youth guardian’s rights and responsibilities concerning the care, custody, and nurturing of the vulnerable youth.

2.4. Other:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner

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Petitioner’s Lawyer

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**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 Vulnerable Youth Guardianship are true and correct.

Dated at (city), Washington on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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Signature of Petitioner Type or Print Name

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Address Telephone Number

**IV. Statement of Proposed Vulnerable Youth Guardian**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (proposed vulnerable youth guardian’s name), the proposed vulnerable youth guardian join in this petition and request that the court appoint me as the vulnerable youth guardian for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (youth’s name).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Vulnerable Youth Guardian

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