

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: ESTATE OF _____, NO.
 A minor

PRELIMINARY DECREE

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 20____, upon consideration of the attached Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person and of the Estate of a Minor, it is hereby Ordered and Decreed that a citation is awarded, directed to _____ (Parent of Minor), to show cause why _____ should not be appointed guardian of the person and of the estate of _____, a minor.

The citation is returnable, and hearing will be held, on the _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ .m. in Courtroom _____, Bucks County Justice Center, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT:

J.

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NO.

CITATION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF BUCKS } SS

TO: _____ (Parent)

You are hereby directed to file a full and complete answer to the averments of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person and of the Estate of a Minor attached hereto on or before the _____ day of _____, 20____ and to show cause, if any you have, why _____ should not be appointed guardian of the person and of the estate of _____, a minor.

A hearing on the Petition has been scheduled for the _____ day of _____, 20__ at _____m. in Courtroom _____, Bucks County Justice Center, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. If you fail to answer the Petition and appear at the hearing, in person or by counsel, the relief requested in the Petition may be granted without further notice to you.

Witness the hand and seal of this Honorable Court this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Clerk of the Orphans' Court

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FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 20____, upon consideration of the attached Petition to Appoint a Guardian of the Person and of the Estate of a Minor and after hearing, it is hereby Ordered and Decreed that _____ is appointed guardian of the person and of the estate of _____, a minor. The guardian shall enter security, with corporate surety, in the amount of \$_____.

BY THE COURT:

J.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY,
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IN RE: ESTATE OF _____, NO.
A minor

**PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
OF THE PERSON AND OF THE ESTATE OF A MINOR**

The petition of _____, respectfully represents:

1. The petitioner is _____, an adult individual who resides at _____, Bucks County, Pennsylvania and who is related to the minor as follows:

2. _____, a minor, is _____ years old and resides with the petitioner at _____, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

3. The minor's mother, _____, died on _____, 20____. Her death certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". A true and correct copy of her last will and testament, which was admitted to probate by the Register of Wills of Bucks County on _____, 20____ is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The short certificate granting letters testamentary to _____ is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

4. The minor's father, _____, resides at _____ . He has never had custody of the minor. He has refused to consent to this petition because (state reason).

5. It is necessary to appoint a guardian of the minor's person because, since the death of his/her mother, no one is available and empowered to enroll him/her in school and obtain health insurance for him/her. It is necessary to appoint a guardian of the minor's estate because the minor is the beneficiary of his/her late mother's estate and life insurance.

6. The proposed guardian is petitioner, _____, the minor's _____ (state relationship). Since his/her mother's death, the minor has resided with the proposed guardian. The minor's mother's will named the proposed guardian as the guardian of the person and of the estate of the minor. The consent of the proposed

guardian to serve as guardian of the minor's person and estate is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

7. The proposed guardian has no interest adverse to the minor.

8. The religious persuasion of the proposed guardian is _____.
The religious persuasion of the minor and his/her late mother is _____.
The religious persuasion of the minor's father is _____.

9. The minor's assets and approximate income are: (itemize).

10. The minor is not entitled to receive any money as a party to any court proceeding.

11. The minor is not receiving benefits from the United States Veterans' Administration.

12. The minor has no guardian presently appointed.

13. The minor is fourteen years of age or older and it is minor's preference that _____ be appointed as guardian.

14. The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Certification, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check and F.B.I. Fingerprint Based Record Check for proposed guardian and all others who reside with minor who are eighteen years of age or older are attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable Court to appoint him/her guardian of the person and of the estate of _____, a minor.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney
Attorney for Petitioner
Attorney I.D. #
Address and Telephone Number

{OR}

Petitioner's Name (If there is no attorney)
Address
Telephone Number

VERIFICATION

I, _____, verify that I am the Petitioner in this action. I hereby verify that the statements made in the foregoing Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: _____

Petitioner

CONSENT OF PROPOSED GUARDIAN

I, _____, hereby consent to serve as
the guardian of the person and of the estate of _____,
a minor, my (state relationship).

Date: _____

Guardian

CONSENT OF PARENT

I, _____, (mother/father) of _____,
a minor, hereby consent to _____ serving as guardian of the
person and of the estate of my son/daughter.

Date: _____

Parent