
TEMPORARY MINOR GUARDIANSHIP

PIERCE COUNTY
PROBATE OFFICE
414 W. MAIN STREET
ELLSWORTH, WI 54011

HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

PHONE: 715-273-6752

NOTE: This guideline is provided only as a public service and is not meant to be legal advice. The Register in Probate office cannot give legal advice or complete the forms for you; please contact an attorney if you have legal questions.

TO OPEN A TEMPORARY MINOR GUARDIANSHIP: read the forms prior to completing them; once completed, file the following with the Register in Probate office:

- GN – 3290 Petition for Guardianship of Minor
- GN – 3300 Order and Notice of Hearing Petition for Guardianship of Minor
- GN – 3310 Waiver and Consent to Petition for Guardianship of Minor
- GN – 3330 Consent to Serve as Temporary Guardian
- GN – 3320 Nomination of Guardian by a Minor
- GN – 3120 Affidavit of Service
- GN – 3250 Determination and Order on Petition for Temporary Guardianship
- GN – 3260 Letters of Temporary Guardianship of the Person of Minor
- GN – 3265 Letters of Temporary Guardianship of the Estate of Minor

HEARING:

- The Register in Probate office will schedule a hearing on the temporary guardianship petition no earlier than 48 hours after the petition is filed.
- The Petitioner shall give notice of the petition to the proposed ward before or when the petition is filed. The Petitioner shall give notice of the Order for Hearing on the proposed ward before the hearing or not later than 3 calendar days after the temporary hearing. If notice is served after the hearing, the petitioner shall include the court's order (if entered).
- The Court will appoint a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and determine who shall pay the GAL's fees.
- The Guardian ad Litem shall attend the hearing in person, by telephone or shall provide a written report to the court concerning the proposed ward.

TIMELINES:

- The temporary guardianship is valid for 60 days and can be renewed for an additional 60 days.
- A Petition to Extend Temporary Guardianship must be filed with the Court **prior** to the expiration of the first 60 days.

- GN – 3270 Petition to Extend Temporary Guardianship
- GN – 3280 Order on Petition to Extend Temporary Guardianship

- If the Court does not timely receive the Petition to Extend Temporary Guardianship and Order on Petition to Extend Temporary Guardianship, the temporary guardianship will expire.
- The file will be closed and the temporary guardianship will expire after either the first 60 days expiration date (if not extended) or after the second 60 days expiration date.
- During the term of the temporary guardianship, a hearing may be held *prior* to the expiration date to request a permanent guardian.



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- **Note:** pursuant to 54.50(2), Wis. Stats., the court may impose no further temporary guardianship on the ward for at least 90 days after the expiration of the temporary guardianship.

CERTIFIED COPIES: Letters of Guardianship are available from the Register in Probate Office. The certification fee is \$3.00, plus \$1.00 for each page copied. Requests for certified copies may be made in person or by mail. If the request is by mail, please enclosed the correct fee **and** a stamped, self-addressed return envelope. Payment must be received before the issuance of certified copies.

NOTE: Additional information will be sent to the temporary guardian after the hearing. If a guardian of the **estate** of the minor is appointed, an inventory of assets is due 60 days after the appointment together with a statutory inventory filing fee. The fee is .2% of the assets or a minimum of \$20.00 if the assets are under \$50,000.00. See sec. 816-66, Wis. Stats.

FORMS: The forms listed above may also be found at www.wicourts.gov