

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF  
THE PROPERTY OF MINOR**

From the Judge of the Probate Court of said County.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_, Guardian

RE: \_\_\_\_\_, Minor

The above-named minor (the "ward") has been found by this Court to be in need of a guardian of the property, and this Court has entered an order designating you as such guardian. You have assented to this appointment by taking your oath and posting bond. In general, your duties as guardian are to protect and maintain the property of the ward.

Special Instructions:

1. You must keep the ward's funds separate from your own. You should put the ward's funds in a separate checking or savings account, as appropriate, and make all payments by check.
2. You may not sell or give away any of the ward's property without a court order.
3. You may not spend any of the principal (corpus) for any purpose without a court order, but the annual income can be spent as necessary to support the ward without a court order to the extent that the parents are not financially able to support the ward.
4. Georgia law requires you to file with this Court an annual return, showing all receipts and disbursements, accompanied by an affidavit certifying that the original vouchers (checks) have been compared with the items listed on the return, and that the return is correct. Such return is due within 60 days after each anniversary date of these Letters of Guardianship, unless the Court has approved a different accounting period.
5. If you still have any of the ward's property when the ward reaches age 18, you should then turn over such property to the ward, obtain a notarized receipt from the ward, and file your final return, together with a copy of the receipt, with this Court within 60 days after the ward reaches age 18.
6. You may not borrow money on behalf of your ward without a Court order, nor may you or your ward loan the ward's funds to anyone, nor may you use your ward's money for yourself.
7. The regular commissions allowed a guardian are 2.5% on all sums of money paid out, and 2.5% on all sums received, as shown by the annual or final return. There are special rules concerning commissions for property delivered in kind, interest earned, extraordinary services, and market value of property held as of December 31 each year.
8. You must keep the Court informed of any change in your name or address.
9. You should inform the Court of any change of location of your ward.
10. Please consult your attorney if you have any questions

Given under my hand and official seal, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: The following must be signed if the judge  
does not sign the original of this document:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Probate Court

Issued by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Probate Court

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