

MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

GUARDIANSHIP FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

This packet contains the forms to be completed to request to be appointed as a child's "Guardian." "Guardianship" refers to legally-appointed custody of a child who is not the natural child of the "Guardian". Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of the family are often appointed Guardians of children when their own parents are unable to care for them. The Self Help Center has a guardianship workshop to assist with the forms and process, which takes place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 10:00 am. You will either need to have an appointment in advance or get on the waitlist by coming earlier in the morning.

Guardianship requires filing numerous papers with the court, setting a court date, and notifying the child's parents and other relatives about the application for the guardianship. The parents must be personally notified with service of the paperwork, and other relatives may be served by mail. You may fill out these forms by hand (be sure to be legible and use dark ink) or you may go on line and complete them and print them (www.courts.ca.gov).

This packet contains blank forms for you to fill out. You can also visit the State Court website at www.courts.ca.gov for information concerning the guardianship process.

Fill out all of the following required forms:

- [GC-210\(P\)](#): Petition for Guardianship
- [GC-211](#): Consent of Proposed Guardian
- [GC-020](#): Notice of Hearing
- [GC-212](#): Confidential Screening Form (one for each proposed Guardian)
- [GC-248](#): Duties of Guardian, Consent of Proposed Guardian,
- [GC-120](#): Declaration Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act
- [Monterey County Local Form CI-130](#):
<https://media.graphcms.com/gay5ZEmRStqcxD63cj0z>: Confidential Declaration Regarding Household Members

The court offers a free interactive website that can assist you in filling out the forms, which is located at <https://www.monterey.courts.ca.gov/self-help/file-at-home>.

The Monterey College of Law offers workshops for Guardianships—call 831-582-3600.