

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Petition for Appointment of Guardian (§48.977, Wis. Stats.)

Form Number: JG-1605

Statutory Reference: § 48.977, Wisconsin Statutes

Benchbook Reference: JV 16

Purpose of Form: Petition to the court to appoint a guardian for a person under the age of 18.

Who Completes It: Party seeking the appointment.

Distribution of Form: Court, Child – if 12 years or older, Child’s Guardian ad Litem/Adversary Counsel, Parents, Parents’ Attorney(s), Child’s Guardian/Legal Custodian, District Attorney/Corporation Counsel, Caseworker, Proposed Guardian, and Proposed Successor Guardian.

Accompanying Forms: The Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act Affidavit (GF-150).

If #7 is checked, the department eligibility statement containing the determinations made under §48.623(1), Wis. Stats.

New Form/Modification: Modified; last update 02/23.

Modifications: Updated #8 – changed “Affidavit” to “Declaration” pursuant to 2023 WI Act 245 – Unsworn Declaration.

Comments: This petition for appointment of guardianship was designed for when a child was adjudicated in need of protection or services and has been placed, or continued in a placement, outside of his or her home pursuant to one or more court orders.

The party seeking the appointment of guardian for a child must provide notice of the hearing and this petition to the child, his or her parents, guardian, legal custodian, and guardian ad litem / adversary counsel, at least 7 days before the date of the hearing. Service shall be made by first class mail or by personal service.

For an Indian child, use the Indian Child Welfare Act version of this Petition (IW-1605).

Notice of Hearing JD-1724 can be used to provide notice to all parties.

About this Form: This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court’s Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be altered.