

Guardianship FAQ

- 1. What exactly does it mean to be a guardian? A guardian is a person who has been appointed by the court to act on behalf of a ward's person, property or both.
- 2. What is a ward? A ward is the person for whom a guardian has been appointed.
- 3. What are Letters of Guardianship? Letters of Guardianship will be issued to the guardian and will specify whether the guardianship pertains to the ward's person, property or both.
- 4. Why do I need to attend a Guardianship class? Florida statutes mandate that you attend a Guardianship class within 4 months from the date your Letters of Guardianship are signed in court.
- 5. What will I learn? You will learn what is expected of you by the State of Florida to perform the duties of being a guardian to your ward.
- 6. Is there a fee for the class? Yes. Guardian—\$100.00 Co-Guardians—\$50.00 each.
- 7. How do I register for the class? Click on the "register now" link on the Guardianship page.
- 8. What do I need to register and participate in the class? You will need access to a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone, a credit card, and the assigned county and case number if guardian.
- 9. **Do I have to be a guardian to attend class?** No. Anyone can attend the Live Online Guardianship class to gain knowledge pertaining to Florida Guardianship.
- 10. What happens if I register and decide not to attend? There are no refunds. You will have to begin the registration process again.
- 11. **Do I get a certificate?** Yes. A certificate will be emailed to you within two weeks of taking the class. It is your responsibility to file the certificate with the court.
- 12. **Can I leave the webinar to care for my ward?** No. The guardian must be on the line for the full 8 hour live online class. Florida statutes mandate guardians take the full 8 hour course. You will be monitored to be sure you are attending the entire class. A certificate will not be issued if there is a failure to attend the entire class. Be sure you are able to commit to the full 8 hours.
- 13. Will there be a break during class? Yes. There will be a mid-morning break and a 1 hour lunch break from 12p-1p.