

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. \$100.00 per appointed Guardian (one individual) and \$50.00 per each additional person.
7. **How do I register for class?** Click on the link at the top of 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 or debit card, 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 1 week 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 breaks during class?** Yes. There will be a midmorning break and a 1 hour lunch break.