

F.C.A. § 661;
S.C.P.A. §§ 1701 - 1704

Form 6-1-b
(Petition by Person on Behalf of
Person Under 21 for
Appointment Of Guardian of a
Person Or Permanent Guardian)
(1/2026)

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Proceeding for the Appointment of a
Guardian of the Person or Permanent Guardian of

Docket No.
Family File No.
PETITION BY PERSON ON BEHALF
OF PERSON UNDER 21 FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
Guardian of Person
Permanent Guardian

A Person Under the Age of 21

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TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The Petitioner respectfully alleges to this Court that:

1. I am [specify name]: and I am submitting this petition on
behalf of [specify person under 21]: , who is my [describe
relationship]:
I am submitting this petition to request that [specify proposed guardian]:
be appointed as his/her [check applicable box]: Guardian of the Person Permanent
Guardian.¹

2. a. The person under the age of 21, who is the subject of this petition, was born on
[specify date and year of birth]:

b. He/she lives at [specify name and complete address of residence]:²

c. He/she lives with [specify]:
who is/are related to him/her as follows [specify]:

¹ A “permanent guardian” may be appointed, pursuant to Family Court Act §661(b) and Surrogate’s Court Procedure Act §1702(2) if the Court finds that it is in the best interests of a person under the age of 21, who has been committed to an authorized agency through termination of parental rights or surrender or whose birth parents or other persons entitled to notice of, or to consent to, adoption are deceased. Persons over the age of 18 must consent to such an appointment, which may last until the person reaches the age of 21.

² Unless the Court has ordered the address to be confidential on the ground that disclosure would pose an unreasonable health or safety risk. See Family Court Act §154-b; Form 21 (available at www.nycourts.gov).

3. a. The name and residence of the proposed guardian are as follows:

Name: Complete address:³

b. He/She has consented to appointment as guardian, a copy of which is attached.

4. **[REQUIRED; check A and applicable boxes, or B or C]:** (Upon information and belief):

A. I know or have reason to believe that the child who is the subject of this proceeding may be a Native-American child, who may be subject to the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963), subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation. The following is the basis for my information and belief [specify]:

And the following have been notified [check applicable box(es)]:

parent/custodian [specify name and give notification date]:

tribe/nation [specify name and give notification date]:

United States Secretary of the Interior [give notification date]:

OR

B. I know or have reason to believe that the child who is the subject of this proceeding may not be a Native-American child, who may be subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963), subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation. The following is the basis for my information and belief [specify]:

OR

C. I have not yet obtained information indicating whether the child who is the subject of this proceeding may be a Native-American child, who may be subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963), subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation, because [specify]:

5. (Upon information and belief,) The religion of the person under 21 who is the subject of this proceeding is [specify, if any]:

6. (Upon information and belief,) The names, relationship and post office addresses of the birth parents, the name and address of the person with whom I live, if other than my birth parent(s), on whom process should issue; and such other persons concerning whom the court is required to have information, are as follows: [If either birth parent is dead or has surrendered or has had parental rights terminated(TPR) , so allege; if both parents are dead, indicate nearest adult next of kin]:

³ Unless the Court has ordered the address to be confidential on the ground that disclosure would pose an unreasonable health or safety risk. See Family Court Act §154-b; Form 21 (available at www.nycourts.gov).

Relationship Name Complete Address⁴ Deceased? TPR? Surrender?

Birth mother:

Birth father:

Person with whom
subject resides, if other
than parents:

Adult next of kin, if
birth parents are dead:

Other [specify]: ⁵

7. a. Appointing [specify proposed guardian]:

as the guardian of the person permanent guardian would be in the best interests of the person under 21 who is the subject of this proceeding and would preserve his/her legal rights because [specify facts regarding the suitability, ability and commitment of the proposed guardian to assume full legal responsibility and raise the subject to adulthood]:

b. [Required where appointment of permanent guardian is requested, pursuant to Family Court Act §661(b) or S.C.P.A. §1702(2); delete if inapplicable]:

(i) [Check applicable box]:

Guardianship and custody of the person under 21 who is the subject of this proceeding has been committed to the following authorized agency [specify, include whether by surrender or termination of parental rights and attach certified copies of the orders terminating parental rights or approving the surrenders, as applicable]:

both of the birth parents of the subject of this proceeding, whose consent to or notice of his/her adoption would have been required, are deceased [attach death certificates].

⁴ Unless the Court has ordered the address to be confidential on the ground that disclosure would pose an unreasonable health or safety risk. *See* Family Court Act §154-b; Form 21 (available at www.nycourts.gov).

⁵ Include Mental Hygiene Legal Services, if the petitioner is developmentally disabled and has been admitted to a facility, and any person entitled to notice of or consent to petitioner's adoption.

(ii) The local social services district performed an assessment, as required by S.C.P.A. §1704(8), that recommended the following [specify and attach a copy of the assessment]:

8. (Upon information and belief) No guardian pursuant to will or deed, or guardian of the person pursuant to Section 384 or 384-b of the Social Services Law, has been previously appointed for the subject of this proceeding, except [specify]:

9. Upon information and belief, [Check all applicable box(es)]:

a. The proposed guardian has never been the subject of an indicated report, as such term is defined in of the Social Services Law §412, that has been filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant Social Services Law §422.

The proposed guardian was the subject of an indicated report, as defined in of the Social Services Law §412, that was filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant Social Services Law §422. [Specify the_date of the report, determination of whether “indicated” or “unfounded,” status and circumstances to the extent known]:

The proposed guardian is the subject of a report, as defined in of the Social Services Law §412, filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant Social Services Law §422, that remains under investigation. [Specify the_date of the report, status and circumstances to the extent known]:

b. The proposed guardian has never been the subject of, or the respondent in, a child protective proceeding pursuant to Article Ten of the Family Court Act.

The proposed guardian has been the subject of, or the respondent in, a child protective proceeding pursuant to Article Ten of the Family Court Act. [Specify whether the proceeding resulted in an order finding that a child or children was/were abused or neglected, indicate whether the subject of this proceeding was found to be abused or neglected and provide the date and status of the proceeding to the extent known]:

c. The proposed guardian has never been the subject of an Order of Protection or Temporary Order of Protection in any criminal, matrimonial or Family Court proceeding(s).

The proposed guardian has been the subject of an Order of Protection or Temporary Order of Protection in a criminal, matrimonial or Family Court proceeding(s) as follows [specify the court, docket or index number, who was protected and who was restrained by the order, date of order, expiration date of order, next court date and status of case to the extent known]:

10. Upon information and belief, [check applicable box(es)]:

a. The following adults 18 or older live in the proposed guardian's home:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship, if any, to subject of proceeding</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
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b. None of the adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home has ever been the subject of any indicated reports, as defined in of the Social Services Law §412, that were filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant Social Services Law §422.

The following adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home have been the subjects of indicated reports, as defined in of the Social Services Law §412, that were filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant Social Services Law §422. [Specify the name(s) of the adults, date(s) of the report(s), whether the subject of this proceeding in this proceeding was the subject of the report(s), status and circumstances to the extent known]:

The following adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home are the subjects of reports, as defined in of the Social Services Law §412, filed with the statewide register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant Social Services Law §422, that remain under investigation [Specify the name(s) of the adults, whether the subject of this proceeding is the subject of the report(s), date(s) of the report(s), status and circumstances to the extent known]:

c. None of the adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home has ever been the subjects of, or the respondents in, child protective proceedings pursuant to Article Ten of the Family Court Act.

the following adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home have been the subjects of, or the respondents in, child protective proceedings pursuant to Article Ten of the Family Court Act, as follows [Specify the names of the adults, whether the proceedings have resulted in orders finding that the child is an abused or neglected child, whether the petitioner in this proceeding was a subject of those proceedings and the date and status of the proceedings to the extent known]:

d. None of the adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home have ever been

the subjects of an Order of Protection or Temporary Order of Protection in any criminal, matrimonial or Family Court proceeding(s).

the following adults 18 or older living in the proposed guardian's home have been the subjects of Orders of Protection or Temporary Orders of Protection in criminal, matrimonial or Family Court proceeding(s), as follows [specify the names of the adults, whether the adults are or were restrained or protected by the order(s), court, docket or index number, date of order, expiration date of order, next court date and status of cases to the extent known]:

11. The birth parent(s) [specify]: _____ of the subject of this proceeding, although living, should not be appointed as guardian because:

12. a. [Applicable where the subject of the proceeding is 18 years of age or older; delete if inapplicable]: The subject of the proceeding is over the age of 18 and has consented to the appointment of the guardian, a copy of which is attached.

b. [Applicable where the subject of the proceeding is over 14 years of age but less than 18; delete if inapplicable]: The subject of the proceeding has expressed a preference for the appointment of the guardian, a copy of which is attached.

13. There are no persons interested in this proceeding other than those mentioned above.

14. No prior application has been made to any court, including a Native- American tribunal, for the relief requested herein (except [specify]: _____).

WHEREFORE, I am requesting that an order be entered appointing [specify]: to be the guardian of the person permanent guardian of [specify]: until he/she reaches the age of : 18 21, upon his/her consent, and that letters of guardianship issue.

Dated:

Signature of Petitioner

Print or type name

Signature of Attorney, if any

Attorney's Name (Print or Type)

Attorney's Address and Telephone Number

VERIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding and affirm this ___ day of _____, _____, under the penalties of perjury under the laws of New York, which may include a fine or imprisonment, that the above statements are true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that this document may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.

Petitioner: Signature/ Print or type name