



Membership Application

National Guardianship Association

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I AM APPLYING FOR: (see descriptions on reverse)

INDIVIDUAL Membership ORGANIZATION Membership FAMILY/VOLUNTEER/RETIRED Membership
The membership year runs from January 1 - December 31. Membership dues are payable by January 1 each year.

Please complete the following information as an individual member OR as the primary contact for an organization. (Organizations paying for additional memberships should also submit just the information section of this form for each additional person.) If you are applying as a family or volunteer guardian, or as a retired guardian, please complete all the information that seems appropriate.

Name (please print): _____ Title _____

Company/Organization/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____ I am / am not a member of a state guardianship association.

Notice: By including your email and fax information you are agreeing to accept electronic notices and news as part of your membership. Providing your email address for use by NGA is not the same as signing up for the Listserv, a member benefit that allows members to communicate with each other. In turn, NGA pledges to respect your privacy and will do its utmost to protect you from unsolicited communications by third parties.

I AM EMPLOYED IN (check one)

For-Profit Business Non-Profit Organization Government Agency Court System
 Retired Guardian Not Employed in Guardianship Profession Other (_____)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF SERVICES YOU PROVIDE (check all that apply)

Guardian of Person Legal Services Representative Payee
 Guardian of Estate Rehabilitation Services Day Treatments
 Guardian of Minor Fiduciary Judge/Judicial
 Case Management Residential Care Other (_____)

DUES PAYMENT:

Please allow 7 to 10 business days for your application to be processed following receipt by the NGA Business Office.
 Check here if you want an emailed receipt when payment is processed. Our Federal ID # is 36-3591860

SELECT TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

\$180 - Individual Membership
 \$260 - Organization Membership, plus additional members of my organization @ \$110 each
(Organizations paying for additional memberships should also submit the information section of this form for each additional person.)
 \$ 60 - Family, Volunteer, or Retired Membership

OPTIONAL ADVOCACY DONATION:

You have the option to make a separate additional voluntary contribution to support NGA's advocacy efforts as part of your membership application.

In addition to my dues payment I want to make a voluntary contribution of \$ _____ in support of NGA's advocacy efforts.
Please specify if this contribution is to honor memorialize _____

MY TOTAL PAYMENT FOR DUES + ANY ADVOCACY CONTRIBUTION IS \$ _____

To Submit by mail: Send application and check/money order payable to NGA to 174 Crestview Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823

To Submit by fax: Fax application and credit card information to Fax Number: 814-355-2452

Credit Card Information: Visa MasterCard

Print Name on Card: _____ Account No.: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____



Recognized as the authority on guardianship in the United States

Your membership in the National Guardianship Association is important. The number of vulnerable people who need guardianship is increasing at an alarming rate. Now is the time for NGA, with you as a valued member, to lead in the education of all guardianship practitioners, to advance guardianship practice standards for individuals and agencies, and to inform the public about issues of good guardianship practice. Membership is available to anyone interested in improving guardianship practice in the categories below:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership is open to those who serve as professional guardians, as well as to individuals who support guardianship in related fields of health care, the court system, social work services, etc. Annual dues are \$180.

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Organizational membership is available to those who wish to enroll multiple individuals from the same for-profit business, government agency, court system office, non-profit agency, etc. Membership in this category applies to organizations that provide professional guardianship services, as well as to those that offer related services that support guardianship. Annual dues of \$260 provide a listing for one person that the organization identifies as their primary contact. Other individuals may then be added as members from the same organization for an additional \$110 per person. All benefits of membership are available to each individual who is identified as a member by the organization.

NOTE: Organizational Members are eligible to use the member discount rate for a total of three (3) conference registrations, regardless of whether the individuals being registered are the same as those the organization has listed as members. All other benefits, however, apply only to the designated primary contact and any additional paid members in that organization.

FAMILY / VOLUNTEER / RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

This membership category is open to family members who serve as guardians for an individual, to individuals working as guardians without remuneration, or for those who are retired from providing professional guardianship services, but want to continue to access the NGA membership benefits. Annual dues are \$60. Note: Members in these categories are not shown in "Find A Guardian" on the website, but they are easily identified in the "Members Only" online Membership Directory and receive all other membership benefits.

AS AN NGA MEMBER, YOU ANNOUNCE TO OTHER PROFESSIONALS THAT YOU RESPECT WHAT IT MEANS TO PRACTICE SURROGATE DECISION-MAKING & AFFORD YOURSELF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS.

- ★ You become eligible for NGA's exclusive professional liability insurance program available from Dominion Insurance Co. that is tailored to the specific needs of professional fiduciaries and backed by world-famous Lloyds of London.
- ★ You can use NGA's Listserv and Ethics Forum to obtain answers to questions about guardianship practices, and to become engaged in open frank discussions about other issues affecting professionals concerned with surrogacy.
- ★ You have access to the "Members Only" area of the NGA website at www.guardianship.org. This privileged section features resources to help you access probate codes, member directories, staff assistance, and other peer consultation.
- ★ You can attend the annual Conference on Guardianship or other NGA events at a discounted rate, as well as take advantage of member discounts on publications and other services.
- ★ You will be acknowledged publicly among those who support quality in guardianship. Each professional guardian receives a listing in the *Find A Guardian* section of the NGA website, and all members are included in the online Membership Directory in the Members Only area.
- ★ You receive *The National Guardian*, NGA's regular newsletter to help you keep current with practice, appellate law, technical, and legislative developments across the country.
- ★ You become part of a network of members nationally and internationally, who have experience with surrogate decision making. This vast network can provide you with a myriad of support.
- ★ You assist in the development of standards of practice and ethics that will guide and shape the character of guardianship. NGA has been selected by several states to assist them in developing their standards of practice.
- ★ You have a voice in legislative and practice standards through position papers generated by NGA.

BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT YOU GET FROM NGA IS WHAT YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO YOUR PROFESSION AND YOUR PEERS. AS A MEMBER OF NGA YOU OFFER OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP THROUGH COMMITTEE AND BOARD SERVICE, AND BY ADHERING TO NGA STANDARDS YOU LIFT THE PROFESSION TO A HIGHER LEVEL