# Membership Application

## National Guardianship Association

*174 Crestview Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823-8516*
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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 guardians, 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:*** *NGA's leadership strongly encourages you to supply your email and fax information so NGA can provide you with increased communication and greater value for your membership dollar. By completing this 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 (_____)

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:**

NGA plans to develop special communication opportunities for those with similar areas of interest related to guardianship. To help us identify the most prevalent interest areas, please designate your primary interest area from the list below:

___ Legal Issues ___ Judicial Issues
___ Health Care Issues ___ Regulations and Legislative Issues
___ Advocacy Issues ___ Other special interest areas for: _____

**DUES PAYMENT: (Note: Our Federal ID # is 36-3591860)**

**Please allow 7 to 10 business days for your application to be processed following receipt by the NGA Business Office.**

____$170 - Individual Membership

____$250 - Organization Membership, plus ____ additional members of my organization @ $100 each

(Organizations paying for additional memberships should also submit the information section of this form for each additional person.)

____$ 50 - Family, Volunteer, or Retired Membership

**$_____TOTAL DUES PAYMENT ENCLOSED**

**TO APPLY BY MAIL**: Send application and check/money order payable to NGA
To NGA Business Office, 174 Crestview Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823

**TO APPLY BY FAX:** Fax application and credit card information
To NGA Records Office Fax Number: 814-355-2452

**Credit Card Information:** _____Visa _____MasterCard

Print Name on Card:_____ Account No.:_____

Expiration Date:_____ Signature:_____

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# 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 define 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 $170.

## 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 $250 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 $100 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 $50. Note: Members in these categories are not listed in "Find A Guardian" on the website, but they are included in the 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 new 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 and NGA Colloquium at a discounted rate, as well as take advantage of member discounts on publications and other services.
- You will be acknowledged publically 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 annual NGA Membership Resource Directory.
- 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***