

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KITSAP**

**In re the Emancipation of:**

**No.**

**PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION  
(PTE)**

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**I. BASIS**

The undersigned minor, who is sixteen years of age or older and who is a resident of the State of Washington, petitions the court for a Declaration of Emancipation.

1.1 Petitioner's full name:

Petitioner's present address & phone number:

Length of time at that address:

Petitioner's birth date:

State and County of Petitioner's birth:

1.2 A certified copy of the Petitioner's birth certificate accompanies this petition.

1.3 Name of the Petitioner's parent or parents, guardian, or custodian:

Last known address of the Petitioner's parent or parents, guardian, or custodian:

1.4 The Petitioner has the ability to manage his or her financial affairs. This declaration is based on the following supporting information:

1.5 The Petitioner has the ability to manage his or her personal, social, educational, and nonfinancial affairs. This declaration is based on the following supporting information:

1.6 Other:

**II. RELIEF REQUESTED**

The Petitioners REQUESTS the court to enter a Decree of Emancipation granting the Petitioner the power and capacity of an adult, except as provided in RCW 134.64.060(2).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner

Print or Type Name

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, (City and State)

on \_\_\_\_\_ .Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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In re the Emancipation of:

No.

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
(NTHG)**

TO:

You are hereby NOTIFIED:

1. A Petition for Emancipation, a copy of which is attached, has been filed.
2. A hearing date has been set:

On: Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 \_\_\_\_\_ PM  
(date) (time)

At: Kitsap Superior Court  
614 Division Street  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

3. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the relief requested in the Petition for Emancipation should be granted.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner or Petitioner's Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KITSAP**

**In re the Emancipation of:**

**No.**

**DECREE OF EMANCIPATION  
(DCE)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I. BASIS**

A hearing on a Petition for Emancipation has been held in this court.

**II. FINDINGS**

The court FINDS that the Petition for Emancipation should be granted and a Decree entered because:

- [ ] The petitioner has proved the following facts by clear and convincing evidence:
- (a) the petitioner is sixteen years of age or older;
  - (b) the petitioner is a resident of the State of Washington;
  - (c) the petitioner has the ability to manage his or her financial affairs; and
  - (d) the petitioner has the ability to manage his or her personal, social, educational, and nonfinancial affairs.
- [ ] There is clear and convincing evidence that denial of the grant of emancipation would be detrimental to the interests of the minor (to be checked only if a parent, guardian, custodian, or the department opposes the petition for emancipation).

**III. DECREE**

3.1 The Petition for Emancipation is granted.

3.2 The petitioner shall obtain a Washington driver's license or a Washington identification card. The Department of Licensing shall make a notation of the emancipated status on the license or identification card.

3.3 The petitioner shall be considered to have the power and capacity of an adult, except as provided in paragraph 3.4 below. The petitioner shall be considered emancipated for the purposes of, but not limited to:

- (a) The termination of parental obligations of financial support, care, supervision, and any other obligation the parent may have by virtue of the parent-child relationship, including obligations imposed because of marital dissolution;
- (b) The right to sue or be sued in his or her own name;
- (c) The right to retain his or her own earnings;
- (d) The right to establish a separate residence or domicile;
- (e) The right to enter into nonvoidable contracts;
- (f) The right to act autonomously, and with the power and capacity of an adult, in all business relationships, including but not limited to property transactions;
- (g) The right to work, and earn a living, subject only to the health and safety regulations designed to protect those under age of majority regardless of their legal status; and
- (h) The right to give informed consent for receiving health care services.

3.4 The petitioner shall not be considered an adult for:

- (a) The purposes of the adult criminal laws of the state unless the decline of jurisdiction procedures contained in RCW 13.40.110 are used;
- (b) The criminal laws of the state when the emancipated minor is a victim and the age of the victim is an element of the offense; or
- (c) Those specific constitutional and statutory age requirements regarding voting, use of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations relevant to the minor because of the minor's age.

[ ] Other:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge/Commissioner of Court

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KITSAP**

IN RE THE EMANCIPATION OF:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DENYING PETITION  
FOR EMANCIPATION  
(ORDYMT)**

**ORDER DISMISSING PETITION  
FOR EMANCIPATION  
(ORDSM)**

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**I. BASIS**

A hearing on a petition for emancipation has been held in this court.

**II. FINDINGS**

The court FINDS that the petition for emancipation should be denied for the reasons that follow.

- The petitioner has not proved by clear and convincing evidence that:
  - the petitioner is sixteen years of age or older.
  - the petitioner is a resident of the state.
  - the petitioner has the ability to manage his or her financial affairs.
  - the petitioner has the ability to manage his or her personal, social, educational and nonfinancial affairs.
- There is not clear and convincing evidence that denial of the grant of emancipation would be detrimental to the interests of the minor. (To be checked only when a parent, guardian, custodian, or the department, opposes the petition for emancipation.)

**III. ORDER**

- The petition for emancipation is denied.
- The petition for emancipation is dismissed for failure of petitioner to appear.



Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner/Judge of the Superior Court

**Superior Court of Washington  
County of Kitsap**

**In Re the Emancipation of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

**No.**

**Order Appointing Guardian ad  
Litem  
(ORAPGL)**

**A Petition for Emancipation** having been filed herein and the Court finding that a Guardian Ad Litem should be appointed to investigate the basis and allegations of the Petition and to file a written report with this court; and the Court being fully advised in the premises, now , therefore, it is hereby

**Ordered** that the Juvenile Department of Kitsap county superior Court is hereby appointed as Guardian Ad Litem to investigate the basis and allegations of the Petition herein and to file a written report with this court on or before \_\_\_\_\_, and it is further

**Ordered** that the above-named Petitioner shall forthwith personally contact the Juvenile Department of this court (360 337 5480) and shall assist and cooperate with said Department in its investigation herein; and it is further

**Ordered** that the Clerk of the court shall forthwith forward a copy of this Order to the Juvenile Department of this Court.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Judge/Commissioner**

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

# Emancipation of A Minor

## Petitioner's checklist

- Petitioner must file Petitioner for Emancipation with the Kitsap County Clerk.
- Complete packet of forms available in the Clerk's Office for \$2.00
- The filing fee for the Petition is \$50.00
  
- At the time of filing the Petitioner must provide a certified copy of his or her birth certificate.
- The Petitioner must appear before the ExParte judge/commissioner for determination of Guardian Ad Litem appointment and to have a hearing date set.
  
- Petition must serve a copy of Petition and Notice of Hearing on parent (s) or custodian(s) at least fifteen days prior to hearing.
  
- Petitioner must personally be present for all hearings.
  
- Petitioner is responsible for contacting the Juvenile Department to arrange for an appointment to see the Guardian ad Litem.