



Filing a Conservatorship Action for Minor

- A. **Summons and Petition *OR* Application for Appointment of Conservator for minor**
(Form #542GC---assets to be received by a minor in the amount of \$15,000.00 or more).
- B. **Copy of Long Form Birth Certificate and Social Security Card for Minor.**
- C. **Applicant's Credit Report.**
- D. **Applicant's Criminal Background Check**
(which is a SLED check for S.C residents or a check in the state of residence for out-of-state residents)
- D. **If filing a formal action the filing fee is \$150.00; however, if filing an application, the filing fee is \$25.00 made payable to the Chester County Probate Court.**

Chester County Probate Court
P O Box 580
Chester, SC 29706
803-385-2604

Case Number: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF CHESTER)

IN THE MATTER OF:)

_____,)
a minor.)

*COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU)
ARE FILING A FORMAL PETITION:)

vs.)

Petitioner(s),)

Respondent(s).)

PROBATE COURT USE ONLY

IN THE PROBATE COURT)
CASE NUMBER _____)

**APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR FOR MINOR OR
ISSUANCE OF PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR MINOR**

APPLICATION FOR (No Summons Needed):

- PROTECTIVE ORDER
- CONSERVATOR
- SUCCESSOR CONSERVATOR

*FORMAL PETITION FOR:

- PROTECTIVE ORDER
- CONSERVATOR
- SUCCESSOR CONSERVATOR

***NOTE: IF THIS IS A FORMAL PROCEEDING, IN ADDITION TO THIS FORM PETITION, YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ATTACHED SUMMONS, AND PAY THE STATUTORY FILING FEE OF \$150.00. A HEARING IN THE PROBATE COURT ON THE PETITION MAY BE REQUIRED.**

1. Applicant(s) or Petitioner(s):
Relationship to the minor or interest in this proceeding:

2. **Information about minor:**
Name: Age:

Date of Birth:
Last 4 digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Telephone: (Home): (Cell):
Email:

3. **Jurisdiction:**
South Carolina has jurisdiction over the minor because:

- A. Minor owns real or personal property that requires management or protection (a copy of any deeds or titles is required);
- B. Minor has or may have business affairs that may be adversely affected by a lack of effective management; or
- C. Conservator is necessary to obtain and administer funds for the health, education, maintenance, and support of the minor.

4. **Venue:**
Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because the minor:

- A. resides in this county and has resided in this county for more than six (6) months;
- B. does not reside in this state but owns real or personal property in this county;
- C. does not reside in this state but has or may have business affairs in this county that need

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- D. management; or
does not reside in this state but has the right to take legal action in this county (***a copy of the pleadings is required***).

If the minor has not resided in this county for six (6) months preceding this action, the address where the minor did reside or is residing is:

5. Information about family of minor:

*Mother:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone: (Home): (Cell):

Email:

*Father:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone: (Preferred): (Secondary):

Email:

*If deceased, a certified death certificate is required.

Siblings of minor:

Name	Address	Year of Birth
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If the minor does not reside with a parent, the person with whom the minor resides:

Name:

Relationship:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone: (Preferred): (Secondary):

Email:

If you have not listed another living adult relative of the minor, other than the Applicant/Petitioner, who are the other adult relatives?

Name	Address	Relationship to minor
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6. The following is a list of the real and personal property owned by the minor or expected to be received by the minor, business affairs of the minor, funds available to the minor, or legal action necessary for the minor and an estimate of the value: (*An Inventory and Appraisement, Form #550GC, shall be completed and filed with the Court within 30 days of appointment.*)

Description	Value
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7. The appointment of a conservator for the minor is necessary because:

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8. I request the appointment of:

Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Telephone: (Preferred): (Secondary):
Email:

Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Telephone: (Preferred): (Secondary):
Email:

The priority for his or her appointment as conservator is:

- Previously appointed conservator/guardian of the assets of the minor by a court of another county or state;
- Individual nominated by the minor (if fourteen (14) or more years of age and deemed mentally capable of making such choice);
- Parent of minor;
- Adult sibling of minor (specify): _____ ;
- Closest adult relative (specify): _____ ;
- Person with whom the minor resides (specify): _____ ;
- Nominee of any of the above (specify): _____ ;
- Other (specify): _____ .

VERIFICATION

The Applicant/Petitioner, being sworn, states that the facts set forth in the foregoing Application/Petition are true to the best of the Applicant's/Petitioner's knowledge, information, and belief.

SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Print Name:
Notary Public for: _____ (State)

My Commission Expires: _____ (Date)
SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Print Name:
Notary Public for: _____ (State)

My Commission Expires: _____ (Date)

Applicant/Petitioner
Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____

Preferred Telephone: _____
Secondary Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Co-Applicant/Petitioner
Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____

Preferred Telephone: _____
Secondary Telephone: _____
Email: _____

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QUALIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

I/we accept this appointment and agree to perform the duties and discharge the trust of the office of Conservator for the Conservatorship of _____.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature:
Printed Name:

Signature:
Printed Name:

ORDER

Upon a review of the Verified Application or Formal Petition filed herein and a hearing (*unless waived by the Court*), the Court finds that venue is proper, the required notices have been given or waived, and the appointment of a conservator or issuance of a protective order is necessary and is in the minor's best interest. NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
and/or

IT IS ORDERED that _____ is/are appointed as Conservator/Co-Conservator of the minor's assets and the Court directs the issuance of Fiduciary Letters to the Conservator/Co-Conservators.

Bond is set in the amount of \$ _____ and/or a Restricted Account is required as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 62-5-409.

The Conservator shall not pay compensation to himself/herself from the minor's assets without Court approval. Further, the Conservator may not change the character of estate without court approval and shall expend the assets of the minor pursuant only to court order.

If the minor is receiving needs-based benefits, the minor's funds shall not be used for expenses that would disqualify the minor from receipt of benefits, including but not limited to food and shelter expenses.

Within thirty (30) days of appointment, the Conservator shall file a complete inventory of the minor's assets.

The Conservator shall file an accounting regarding the administration of the minor's assets annually and at any other time which the Court shall direct.

Restrictions or other requirements are as follows:

The Conservator waives does not waive compensation. If requested, compensation will be at the rate of \$ _____ /per _____.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

TERRI B. ZION, Judge of Probate

____ day of _____, 2020

CHESTER, South Carolina