

Guardianship FAQ

1. What exactly does it mean to be a guardian?

A guardian is a person who has been appointed by the court to act on behalf of a ward's person, property or both.

2. What is a ward?

A ward is the person for whom a guardian has been appointed.

3. What are Letters of Guardianship?

Letters of Guardianship will be issued to the guardian and will specify whether the guardianship pertains to the ward's person, property or both.

4. Why do I need to attend a Guardianship class?

Florida statutes mandate that you attend a Guardianship class within 4 months from the date your Letters of Guardianship are signed in court.

5. What will I learn?

You will learn what is expected of you by the State of Florida to perform the duties of being a Guardian to your ward.

6. What do I need before I can sign up for the class?

Please have your Letters of Guardianship. In some cases we can work with you if you have a hearing date.

7. Is there a fee for the class?

Yes. Guardian—\$100.00 Co-Guardians—\$150.00 (Fees benefit the Seniors First Public Guardian Program)

8. Where do I mail my paperwork and check/money order? Where are classes held?

Seniors First—Guardianship | 5395 L.B. McLeod Rd | Orlando, FL | 32811 Most classes are held at the Seniors First offices but check on the location of your specific class when you sign up.

9. What do I need to bring with me on the day of class?

Bring your Letters of Guardianship. Feel free to bring a snack and a sweater or light jacket.

10. Will lunch be served?

Lunch will not be served. Please make arrangements. The classroom will be locked for lunch and every one must exit the building during this time.

11. Do you take walk-ins for classes?

Due to space restrictions, we do not accept walk-ins. You must be registered for the class in advance.