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| Form 1: PETITION FILED BY INDIVIDUAL UNDER GUARDIANSHIP |
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| **INSTRUCTIONS for USING THIS FORM**  |
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| Read *Guardianship and Voting: How to Get Your Right to Vote Back* before filling out this form. |
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| **USE THIS FORM *ONLY* IF -**  |
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| 1. | You have a Guardian of the Person. |
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| 2. | Your right to vote was taken away as a result of the guardianship. |
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| 3. | You have not been back in court about your guardianship in the last six months. |
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| 4. | You are filing this on your own. |
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| **DO *NOT* USE THIS FORM IF -** |
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| 1. | You do not have a Guardian of the Person or your right to vote has not been taken away. |
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| 2. | You have been back in court about the guardianship in the last six months. |
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| 3. | Someone else is filing it on your behalf. Use Form 2 instead. |
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| **HOW TO USE THIS FORM** |
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| 1. | Print several copies so that you have extras in case you need to make changes. |
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| 2. | Look for the blank lines in the form. They look like this       . Add information using a pen, not a pencil.  |
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| 3. | Do not sign or date the form.  |
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| 4. | This form asks for the date of your guardianship papers. If you do not know the date, call the Register in Probate’s office at the Courthouse. |
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| 5. | This form includes the option to ask the Court to appoint an attorney to represent you if you want an attorney but cannot afford to pay an attorney. If you want an attorney appointed by the Court, put an X in the box in sentence 6 after “Under Oath, I State.” And put an X in the box in sentence 2 after “I Request the Court.” If you do not want an attorney to be appointed by the Court, do not put an X in either box. If you don’t put an X in both boxes, you will have to represent yourself or you will have to find and pay for your own attorney. |
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| 6. | You need to have a person called a “notary” or “notary public” watch you sign and date the form. You will need to find a person who is a notary in your community. Often a bank has a notary. Attorneys are also notaries. And county officials, such as the Register in Probate or the Clerk of Courts, are notaries. After you sign and date the form in front of the notary, the notary will sign and date the form. |
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| 7. | Before you take or mail the Petition to the Court, make a few copies of the filled in and signed and dated form. Keep them in your folder. |

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| **STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, COUNTY** |  |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF Name Date of Birth | [ ]  Amended**Ward’s Petition to Restore Ward’s Right to Register to Vote and to Vote**Case No.  |
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| **UNDER OATH, I STATE:** |
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|  1. | I am the ward and am 18 years of age or older. |
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|  2. | This is a Petition to have my right to register to vote and to vote restored. |
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|  3. | This Petition is filed more than 180 days after any previous hearing on the Petition for Guardianship or Petition for Receipt and Acceptance of a Foreign Guardianship. |
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|  4. | By Order of this Court dated , I was determined to be incompetent and in need of a guardian. My right to register to vote and to vote were removed by that Order. |
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|  5. | I believe I am capable of understanding the objective of the elective process and therefore the guardianship order should be modified and my right to register to vote and to vote should be restored in full. |
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| [ ]  6. | I am indigent. |
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| **I request the court:** |
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|  1. | Order a hearing on this Petition. |
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| [ ]  2. | Appoint an attorney to represent me at the county’s expense. |
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|  3. | Designate the persons entitled to notice of hearing and the manner in which notice shall be given. |
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|  4. | Limit the guardianship of the person and restore my right to register to vote and to vote in all elections. |
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| State of County of Subscribed and sworn to before me on  Notary Public/Court Official Name Printed or TypedMy commission/term expires: [ ]  This notarial act involved the use of communication technology. | ► Signature Name Printed or Typed Address Email Address  Telephone Number Date  |