EMANCIPATION

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IMPORTANT

Emancipation is a serious legal step that changes your legal status. If you are emancipated your parent(s) or your guardian(s) will no longer be responsible for you and you will no longer be responsible to them.

Emancipation does not mean that you become a legal adult for all purposes. For instance, even if emancipated, a minor cannot quit school prior to being 17 years old; cannot gamble; cannot get married without a parent's consent; cannot work in a casino; cannot buy liquor, wine or cigarettes or take part in anything that, by statute, requires someone to be a certain age. Once emancipated you can legally enter into contracts such as an apartment lease, however, many landlords and other businesses will still not enter into contracts with anyone under the age of 18 years.

EMANCIPATION (PACKET EM)

USE THIS PACKET ONLY IF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE:

You are 16 years or 17 years old.

You are married or living apart from your parents or legal guardians.

You are a resident of Washoe County.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS

CAREFULLY READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING TO FILL OUT ANY OF THE FORMS.

Use black or blue ink only. Neatly print or type the information requested.

Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. eFile User Agreement (Standard)
- 2. Emancipation Checklist
- 3. Petition for Emancipation
- 4. Consent for Emancipation
- 5. General Financial Disclosure
- 6. Notice
- 7. Declaration of Personal Service

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

eFlex Account and eFile User Agreement:

To file your documents, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account. If you already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

To sign up:

1) Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;

2) Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court, or email it to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>; and

3) Request an account at https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/.



If you need further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Emancipation Checklist as Shown:

This document is not filed with the court.

		EMANCIPATION CHECKLIST
		A. \square <u>YES</u> –OR– \square <u>NO</u> I am at least 16 or 17 years of age.
1) Review the Emancipation Checklist and answer all the questions.		B. <u>YES</u> -OR- <u>NO</u> I am currently attending school or I have been excused from attending High School pursuant to NRS 392.040 through NRS 392.125.
		C. <u>YES</u> –OR– <u>NO</u> I am managing my own financial affairs and can provide a budget and receipts to show how I manage my finances.
		D. \square <u>YES</u> – OR – \square <u>NO</u> I am married.
		E. <u>YES</u> -OR- <u>NO</u> My parents or my legal guardian(s) allow me to live apart from them.
		F. \square <u>YES</u> –OR– \square <u>NO</u> I am presently living apart from my parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
)	G. <u>YES</u> -OR- <u>NO</u> I do not have any income from criminal activities.
2) Review your answers and follow the instructions. If you qualify for emancipation, continue to the petition.		If question A is answered "No", judicial emancipation is not possible in Nevada. If A is answered "Yes", but one or more of the remaining questions are answered "No", then you should seek the assistance of a private attorney or attend the Family Law Lawyer in the Library Program. The Family law Lawyer in the Library program is on Tuesday evenings in the Law Library at 75 Court. Street. Please arrive by 4:25 p.m. to participate. The program is limited to 10 participants each evening.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3

Complete the Petition for Emancipation as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4

<u>Complete this step only if your Mother, Father, or Legal Guardian is in agreement with the</u> <u>emancipation. If you are the Mother, Father, or Legal Guardian you must fill out the Consent</u> <u>for Emancipation. If this does not apply, skip to Step 6.</u>

Complete the Consent for Emancipation as Shown:



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5

Complete the General Financial Disclosure as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6

Electronically Filing the Documents

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

If you have not done so, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and turn in the EFile User Agreement (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1*), to the Second Judicial District Court, or email to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Petition for Emancipation;
- Consent for Emancipation; and
- General Financial Disclosure form.

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. File-stamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available at the Law Library and the Resource Center.

There may be a filing fee charged when documents are filed. Fee information is available at the Resource Center online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.

FILING FEE WAIVERS

If you cannot afford the filing fee, you may apply to have your filing fee waived. To apply, you must fill out and file the application found in the **Application for Waiver of Fees and Costs packet**, which may be obtained at the following locations:

- Resource Center, 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV, Third Floor
- Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV, First Floor
- Online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u> (select the "Forms & Packets" tab on the top right hand side of the home screen)

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7

Complete the Notice as Shown:

Take this notice to the Resource Center at 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, Nevada, 89501. Court staff will assist you with issuing the notice. You must provide a copy of the petition and notice to everyone listed on the notice.



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8

Serving the Documents:

Everyone listed on the notice must be personally served with the documents at least 21 days before the hearing. **PERSONAL SERVICE CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY YOU.**

The Declaration of Personal Service must be completed by the person who served the documents and the Declaration of Personal Service must be filed electronically in this case (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 9*).

If you cannot locate any of the people listed on the Notice, please contact the Resource Center at 775-325-6731 for further information.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 9

Complete the Declaration of Personal Service as Shown:

The person who completes service must fill out the declaration and sign it. It is your responsibility to file the original declaration of personal service with the court after service is completed.

A separate Declaration of Personal Service has to be filled out for each person served with the Petition of Emancipation and Notice of Hearing. Two forms are provided for you in this packet.



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 10

The Hearing:

Arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time for your hearing. Go to the third floor and check in with the clerk at the front counter.

When your case is called, enter the courtroom and take a seat at the table on your right.

The judge will have questions for you. If the emancipation is granted, the judge will issue an order granting the emancipation.

Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1st Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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