

PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
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Tacoma, Washington 98406
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VULNERABLE YOUTH GUARDIANSHIP PETITIONS

Beginning February 1, 2023, Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Petitions will be reviewed by the court based solely on the pleadings, unless appearances are requested by the reviewing judicial officer. To this end, it is important that both a hearing be scheduled and all appropriate pleadings be filed in advance of the hearing date with the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office.

The following is a list of approved pattern forms available online at [Washington State Courts - Court Forms - List of All Forms](#).

- JU 15.0100 PETITION TO APPOINT VULNERABLE YOUTH GUARDIAN
- JU 15.0250 DECLARATION OF THE PROPOSED VULNERABLE YOUTH GUARDIAN
- JU 15.0260 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD (COVER SHEET)
 - Washington State Criminal History information can be requested at [Criminal History - WSP \(wa.gov\)](#) to be attached to the cover sheet.

The Petitioner, prior to the hearing, must also provide the reviewing judicial officer the following approved pattern forms as proposed orders.

- JU 15.0300 FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS RE: PETITION TO APPOINT VULNERABLE YOUTH GUARDIAN
- JU15.0400 ORDER ON PETITION TO APPOINT VULNERABLE YOUTH GUARDIAN

If the judicial officer approves the Vulnerable Youth Guardianship, a review hearing will be scheduled and indicated on the signed Order on Petition. The parties would be expected to appear at all future review hearings unless the guardianship is terminated.