

LOC.R. 66.06 GUARDIAN FUNDAMENTALS TRAINING REQUIREMENT

A Guardian holds a unique role with respect to the ward and the Guardian has an obligation to obtain an understanding of the fundamentals of that relationship. Formalized training is one means to gain that competency.

Every guardian for an adult who is appointed on or after June 1, 2015 must meet the guardianship fundamentals training requirements under Sup.R. 66.06 by completing, prior to appointment or within six months thereafter, a six-hour guardian fundamentals course provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio, or with prior approval of this Court, another entity. Those failing to meet the requirement shall be subject to citation for being in contempt of court and subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, imposition of a fine, denial of compensation, and/or removal. The guardian is responsible for providing to the Court in a timely manner documentation that establishes compliance with the guardian fundamentals training requirement.

A guardian who has (a) previously trained through the Volunteer Guardianship Program; (b) previously completed this Court's local guardianship training program; (c) completed the guardian fundamentals training program offered by the Supreme Court of Ohio, or a similar course approved by this Court; or (d) been appointed by this Court as a guardian prior to June 1, 2015, is *exempt* from this training upon providing such documentation supporting the exemption as the Court may require.

Notwithstanding the foregoing exemption, the Court may require an otherwise exempt guardian, or applicant for guardianship, to complete a designated guardianship fundamentals training course or one or more guardian continuing education courses.