INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

These instructions are intended as a <u>guideline only</u> and should not be relied upon as a comprehensive list of duties in a special needs trust.

The following information and forms are designed to offer procedural advice and direction to accomplish this task.

If you have a settlement for the benefit of a minor or an alleged incompetent with special needs, it may be in the ward's best interest to establish a SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST.

First, it is necessary for a guardian to be appointed for the minor or alleged incompetent. Second, the guardian shall apply for the approval of the settlement for the benefit of the minor or incompetent. This guardian is also the person who will apply for the SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST.

This trust shall be administered as any other trust in the Probate Court. Bond shall be required of every non-corporate fiduciary unless bond is waived according to law.

A fee of \$105.00 deposit is required at the time of filing. Please confirm the amount with the Cashier since filing fees may have changed subsequent to the publication of the instruction sheet. This fee must be paid in cash, money order, certified check, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. No personal checks will be accepted.

The forms may be obtained from the Issue Desk on the 9th floor of the Probate Court, 230 E. 9th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio or by downloading the forms from the web site.

PROCEDURAL STEPS

Step 1: Complete the following forms	
Application to Create a [Special Needs] Trust and to Approve the Trust form.	Filed in the guardianship
(H.C. Form 115.54)	
- Complete form.	
- This application is filed as part of the guardianship proceedings.	
- The specific reasons for seeking a SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST must be	
clearly explained in a memorandum.	
A copy of the application together with the proposed SPECIAL NEEDS	
TRUST should be delivered to the Chief Magistrate so the Judge may	
review the proposed trust before the hearing.	
Entry Setting Hearing (H.C. Form 202.00)	Filed in the guardianship
- Fill in the name of the ward only, the clerk will fill in the hearing date &	
time and initial the entry.	
- The form must be taken to the Assignment Desk on the 10 th floor of the	
Probate Court to obtain a hearing date on the Judge's calendar.	
Entry Creating Trust and Approving Trust Form (H.C. 115.55)	Filed in the guardianship
- Complete form.	after the hearing
- Bring to Court on the day of the hearing.	
- If the SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST is approved, the Judge will sign it.	

Application for Appointment of a Trust (H.C. 54.1) - Complete form. - This application will be given a separate case number. Entry Setting Hearing (H.C. Form 202.00) - Fill in the name of the ward only, the clerk will fill in the hearing date & time and initial the entry.	Filed at the time the Application to Create Trust is filed. Set for hearing same day and time. Given the same date and time as the Application to Create Trust
- The form must be taken to the Assignment Desk on the 10 th floor of the Probate Court to obtain a hearing date of the Judge's calendar.	
 Special Needs Trust Agreement There is no prescribed trust form. Counsel are directed to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p(d)(4)(A) and Ohio Administrative Code 5101-1-39-271 for guidance in drafting said trusts. The guardian shall be identified as the settlor of said trust. No trust shall be approved which seeks to give unfettered discretion for disbursements to the trustee. 	
 Trustee's Bond (H.C. 54.3) When applying to be appointed trustee, the applicant is required to execute a bond. Applicant must execute and date form. Bond must be executed by a surety company in front of the court personnel. The bond shall be twice the value of the assets funding the trust, with a minimum bond requirement of \$20,000. 	Once signed by the applicant, the bond form needs to be left with the Court in order for the agent of the surety company to execute the bond in the presence of the clerk. May be left with the Court anytime prior to the hearing.
Application for Release of Funds to Custodial Depository in Lieu of Bond (H.C.204.05) - Complete form. - Filed when there is not an attorney and applicant does not want to obtain one. - Filed to dispense with requirement of joint control with an attorney, posting of a bond and filing of fiduciary accounts.	Normally the day of the hearing
Entry Releasing Funds to Custodial Depository in Lieu of Bond (H.C. 204.06) - Complete form. - Make sure you have obtained an account number from the bank. Verification of Receipt and Deposit of Custodial Depository (H.C. 204.07) - A bank clerk completes form once the funds are in the account. - Normally the bank sends the form to the court.	Normally the day of the hearing Filed by the bank, normally within 30 days from filing of Entry Releasing Funds to Custodial Depository

 Entry Appointing Trustee; Letters of Authority (H.C. 54.4) Complete form. If the Judge approves the SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST he will sign the entry. 	Preferably at the time of initial filing, if not, day of hearing.
THE NEXT GROUP OF FORMS IS NOT NEEDED AT THE INITIAL FILING.	
Trustee's Inventory (H.C. Form 54.5) - The trustee must file an inventory specifically listing the assets of the trust and the value of those assets.	3 months from date of appointment
 Trustee's Account (H.C. Form 54.8) From the date of appointment, the trustee is responsible for filing an account every 2 years. On back of Trustee's Account (form 54.8), have an employee of each bank where trust funds are deposited complete a bank certificate. Trustee must sign form. 	Every 2 years starting with date of appointment
Receipts and Disbursements (H.C. Form 54.81) - Specifically list the assets of the trust that were listed on the Inventory (54.5) plus all income and disbursements made.	Filed with account
Assets Remaining in Trustee's Hands (H.C. Form 54.82) - Complete form if filing a current account. - Specifically describe those assets of the trust remaining in trustee's hands.	
Entry Setting Hearing on Account (H.C. 213.8) - Fill in the caption and have attorney sign. - The account clerk will fill in hearing date & time and sign & date the form.	Filed with account.
 Notice of Hearing on Account (H.C. 13.5) Waiver of Notice of Hearing (H.C. 13.7) When filing a <i>current</i> account, all <i>income</i> beneficiaries are entitled to be notified of the hearing on the account. When filing a <i>final</i> account, all <i>trust</i> beneficiaries are entitled to be notified of the hearing on the account. You must either obtain a waiver from each individual (H.C. 13.7) or perfect certified mail notice (H.C. 13.5) on each individual. See Local Rule 64.1(D) If certified mail notice is used, present certified mail return (green card) and a copy of the notice that was sent to each individual to the magistrate assigned to your case. Entry Approving and Settling Account (H.C. 13.3) Fill in the caption and case number. Magistrate will complete form on the day of the account hearing. 	

STEP 2: ASSIGNING OF MAGISTRATE, REVIEWING OF FORMS,	
AND SETTING HEARING DATE.	
When the initial forms have been completed, present them to the magistrate's	
assistant at the information desk on the 9 th Issue Desk where the clerk will write	
the initials of the assigned magistrate on the form.	
From the Information Desk you will go to the assignment desk on the 10 th floor	
to obtain a hearing on the Judge's docket.	
STEP 3: FILING OF FORMS WITH CASHIER	
All forms are taken to the cashier who will assign a case number.	
At this time, the cashier will require the payment of the filing fee of \$105.00.	
The cashier will stamp the case number on all the papers plus one set of copies,	
if provided, and clock in the original forms that can be docketed that day.	
After clocking in the forms, the cashier will place the forms in a file folder and	
give it to you to take to the Issue Desk.	
STEP 4: THE HEARING – WHAT TO EXPECT	
At the date and time of the hearing, you (and your attorney, if an attorney is	
obtained) should report to the 9 th Floor of the Probate Court. (The Magistrate	
will already have the file with the forms you initially filed.)	
If you had to obtain waivers or serve notices of the hearing you will give them to	
the Magistrate.	
The Judge will conduct the hearing, and if he approves the trust he will sign the	
Entry Creating Trust and Approving Trust Form (H.C. 115.55) to be filed under	
the guardianship number. The Magistrate will sign the Entry Appointing	
Trustee; Letters of Authority (H.C. 54.4), but they cannot be issued until the	
Judge signs the trust agreement. Once the trust agreement is signed, you must go	
to the Issue Desk on the 9th Floor to have the original letters issued.	

GUARDIANSHIP OF	
CASE NO	
	ON TO CREATE TRUST ROVE TRUST FORM
Applicant is the guardian of the	e (estate) (person and estate) of the ward and has
received funds for the benefit of the	ward as a result of a $\ \square$ personal injury settlement
or □ other (specify):	Applicant states that it would be in
the best interest of the ward to cre 2111.50(B)(3), for the reasons set for	eate a trust for the ward pursuant to R.C.
Applicant prays for an order o	f the Court authorizing the creation of a $\;\square$ specia
needs trust or □ other (specify):	and approval of the trus
form.	
Attorney for Applicant	Applicant

Attorney Registration No. _____

IN THE MATTE	R OF		
CASE NO			
ENTRY C	REATING TRUST A	AND APPROVING	TRUST FORM
This cau	se came on to be heard up	oon an application to crea	ate a [select one of
the following]:	☐ wrongful death trust	☐ special needs trust	☐ other (specify)
The Cou	urt finds that	is	the guardian of the
(person and es	tate) (estate only) of the wa	ard and has received fund	ds for the benefit of
the ward and th	nat it would be in the best i	nterest of the ward that	the Court create a
trust for the war	rd pursuant to R.C. 2111.50) (B)(3).	
It is the	refore ordered that a [sele	ect one of the following]	☐ wrongful death
trust specia	al needs trust \square other (spe	cify)	
be created for	the benefit of the ward. Th	ne trust is hereby approv	ed as to form and
shall be admini	stered under Case No		
		James Cissell, Prob	pate Judge

TRUST OF		
FOR THE BENEFIT OF		
CASE NO		
APPLICATION FOR THE	APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE	
according to [Check one]: □ the terms of said \	, a resident of Hamilton County, Ohio, ar said Estate and agrees to perform the duties of sa Will (and Codicil/s) under Item □ the wrong , for the benefit of	gful death
Your applicant represents that said trust	estate is estimated as follows:	
	Personal Property \$Real Property \$Annual Rents \$Other Annual Income \$	
Wherefore your applicant asks to be apposum of \$ with the fo	ointed Trustee and presents a bond as such Trus ollowing surety:	tee in the
by the Court. Applicant acknowledges that he/sh	posed by law, and such additional duties as may be the may be removed as fiduciary for failure to perfo t he/she may be subject to criminal penalties for	orm such
Attorney for Applicant	Applicant	
Typed or Printed Name	Typed or Printed Name	
Address	Address	
City State Zip Code	City State Z	Zip Code
Phone No. (include area code)	Phone No. (include area code)	
Attorney Registration No	_	

TRU	IST OF		
FOR	R THE BENEFIT OF		
CAS	SE NO		
	CONSENT TO APPO	DINT	MENT OF TRUSTEE
[Che	eck one of the following]:		
	The undersigned, being adult bene	ficiarie	s or guardians of minor beneficiaries of the
	trust, do hereby consent to the app	ointme	ent of
	as Trustee of t	he wro	ngful death trust.
☐ The undersigned, being guardian of said minor or incompetent, does he		nor or incompetent, does hereby consent to	
	the appointment of		as Trustee of the special needs
	trust.		
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FOR	THE BENEFIT OF	
CAS	SE NOTRUST	TEE'S BOND
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	Amount of Bond \$	
paym		, are obligated to the State of Ohio in the above amount, for ors, heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally.
	The principal has accepted in writing the duties	s of trustee pursuant to:
	 () said decedent's Will (and Codicil(s)) () wrongful death settlement trust [R.C. 212 () special needs trust [R.C. 2111.50(B)(3)] 	5.03]
Said	duties include the following:	
1.	Make and return to the Court, on oath, as provide the real and personal property belonging to the	ded by and within the time required by law a true inventory of Trust;
2.	Administer and distribute according to law and Trust;	the Trust all the real and personal property belonging to the
3.		ne administration at the time or times required by the Court or estly discharge the duties of said office, and comply with all
fails t		es as required. This obligation remains in force if the principal, negligently, or improperly, or if the principal misuses or the to his own use or the use of another.
coun	[Check if personal sureties are involved] -	The sureties certify that each of them owns real estate in this
Date		Principal
Surety	y	Surety
Ву		<u>By</u>
Attorr	ney in Fact	Attorney in Fact
Турес	d or Printed Name	Typed or Printed Name
Addre	ess	Address
Net	value of real estate owned in this county	Net value of real estate owned in this county

TRUST OF	
FOR THE BENEFIT OF	
CASE NO	
ENTRY APPOINTING TRUSTE	E; LETTERS OF AUTHORITY
Name of Trustee:	
Name(s) of Co-Trustee(s) [if any]:	
On hearing in open court on the application that the applicant is a suitable and competent per filed a written acceptance of duties as Trustee, an one]:	n for appointment of trustee, the Court finds son to execute the trust, that applicant has d that the Trustee's Bond has been [Check
☐ filed and approved☐ waived under the terms of☐ waived according to law.	the decedent's Will
The Court therefore appoints applicant as T the trustee's letters of authority.	rustee. This entry of appointment constitutes
Date	James Cissell, Probate Judge
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINT	MENT AND INCUMBENCY
The above document is a true copy of the records of this Court. It constitutes the appoint trustee, who is qualified and acting in such capacitation.	
	James Cissell, Probate Judge/Clerk
[Seal]	
	Date
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TRUST OF				
FOR THE BENEFIT OF				
CASE NO				
TRUSTEE'S [R.C. 210				
Description of Real and Personal Property	Value			
	\$			
[use additional pag	ges, if necessary]			
RECAPIT	ULATION			
Total Value of Personal Estate	\$			
Total Value of Real Estate	\$			
Yearly Rent of Real Estate	\$			
OtherAnnual Income	\$\$			
Total	\$\$			
	Trustee			

TRUST	OF		
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		EE'S ACCOUNT C. 2109.30]	
disburse	The trustee offers an account of the trus ments. The trustee states that the account is true ar		
[0	Check one of the following]		
□ T	This is the parti (Number) o A state	ial account for the period from	e trustee's hands is attached.
□ т	his is a final and distributive account, and the		
Т	his account is recapitulated as follows:		
RECEIPT	rs		
В	Balance brought forward from inventory or p	orevious account	\$
li	ncome		\$
C	Other receipts		\$
Т	otal receipts		\$
DISBURS	SEMENTS		
F	Fiduciary fees (this accounting period)	······ \$	_
А	attorney fees (this accounting period)	\$\$	<u> </u>
С	Other administration costs and expenses	\$	_
С	Other disbursements	\$	_
	Total disbursements	\$_	
BALANC	E REMAINING IN FIDUCIARY'S HANDS		\$
Data		Touris	_
Date		Trustee	

CASE NO.	

BANK CERTIFICATE

N.B. Must be executed when funds are on deposit.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within names trustee, on the date named below, had on deposit in the of ______, Ohio the sum of \$______ to the credit of the trust of Nature of Deposit Bank By Cashier Dated_____ Trustee **BANK CERTIFICATE** N.B. Must be executed when funds are on deposit I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within named trustee, on the date named below, had on deposit in _____ to the credit of the trust of Nature of Deposit the sum of \$ on Bank Dated _____ Trustee

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THE BENEFIT OF			
NO			
RECEIPTS AND DIS	BURS	SEMENTS	
[Attach to trustee's	account]		
Following is an itemized statement of receipts and dis	sbursemei	nts by the trustee in the	e administration of th
Vouci No.	her	Value or Amount	Value or Amount
		\$	\$
			
	NO RECEIPTS AND DIS [Attach to trustee's Following is an itemized statement of receipts and dis	RECEIPTS AND DISBURS [Attach to trustee's account] Following is an itemized statement of receipts and disbursement of receipts and	RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS [Attach to trustee's account] Following is an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements by the trustee in the Voucher No. Value or Amount

Page	of	pages			
Item			Voucher No.	Value or Amount	Value or Amount
				\$	\$
			Trustee		

TRUS	ST OF			
FOR	THE BENEFIT	OF		
CASE	NO		_	
	A	ASSETS REMA	AINING IN TRUSTEE'S HAN	DS
		[Attach t	to partial account of trustee]	
Page_	of	pages		
	The trust assets	remaining in the trustee	e's hands are recapitulated as follows:	
	Tangible person	al property	\$	
	Intangible perso	onal property	\$\$	
	Total pe	ersonal property	\$\$	
	Real Estate		\$\$	
	Total as	sets remaining in truste	es's hands\$\$	
Follow	ving is an itemized	d statement of trust asso	ets remaining in the trustee's hands.	
Item			Value or Amount	Value or Amount
			\$	\$

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Item			Value or	Value or
			Amount \$	Amount \$
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			Trustee	

TRUST OF GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF	
CASE NO	
ENTRY SETTING H	EARING ON ACCOUNT
as the date and time for hearing on the curre	at o'clock M. ent/final account in this matter. If notice is required, the account be given to all parties entitled to notice, 5) days prior to the date and time set for
Date	James Cissell, Probate Judge
Attorney Attorney Registration No	

TRUST OF GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF	
CASE NO.	
WAIVER OF NOTICE O	OF HEARING ON ACCOUNT
The undersigned, who are interested in the es	estate, waive notice of the hearing on the account.
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TRUST OF GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF	
CASE NO.	
NOTICE (OF HEARING ON ACCOUNT
То:	
You are hereby notified that a _	account covering the period from
hearing will be held on	o has been filed, and the at o'clock M.
	n Howard Taft Center, 230 East Ninth Street, Ninth Floor,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-2145.	
You are required to examine the a	ccount, to inquire into the contents of the account, and into
all matters that may come before	the Court at the hearing on the account. Any exceptions to
the account shall be filed in writing	ng not less than five days prior to the hearing. Absent the
filing of written exceptions, the ac	count may be approved without further notice.
	Fiduciary/Attorney for Fiduciary
	Attorney Registration No.

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CAS	SE NO			
	ENTRY APPROVING AND [R.C. 2109.3			
Upor	on hearing the account filed	, the Court finds that:		
[Che	eck whichever of the following are applicable]			
	Thepartial account has be	en lawfully administered.		
	The events have occurred after which the Cou	rt may approve and settle a final account.		
	The events have occurred after which the Court may approve and settle a supplemental final account.			
The a	account is therefore approved and settled.			
[Che	eck whichever of the following are applicable]			
	fiduciary shall be discharged without further orde roval of the final and distributive account unless d	<u> </u>		
	The fiduciary is discharged herewith.			
	The surety bond is terminated herewith.			
	This is a final account of a (deceased) (removerment open.	red) (resigned) fiduciary. The estate shall		
	This is a final account of the guardianship for a person only guardianship.	the estate only. This matter shall continue as		
	This is a final account of a beneficiary of a trus other beneficiaries of the trust.	st. The trust estate shall remain open for		
Date	<u> </u>	James Cissell, Probate Judge		