

Membership Application

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

I/My agency serves the following populations(s):
(check all that apply)

- 18+ 60+ Mentally Ill TBI
 MR/D Alcohol/Substance Abusers
 Other

I/My agency offer(s) the following services:

- Guardian of the Person
 Guardian of the Estate
 Case Coordination
 Conservator of the Person
 Conservator of the Estate
 Representative Payee
 Other (please specify)

For further details about OGA membership information, contact 216.696.1132 Ext. 141.

ABOUT US

The Ohio Guardianship Association is a membership organization comprised of people who are concerned about the care of adults who are incompetent and/or who provide guardianship services in Ohio. Membership is open to guardians, attorneys, representative payees, advocates, judges, magistrates, physicians, social workers, bankers, case managers, APS workers, educators, staff from hospitals, nursing homes and group homes, and anyone else dedicated to improving the lives of Ohio residents who are deemed incompetent.

The Ohio Guardianship Association invites you to join this growing network of leaders from across Ohio who are concerned about individuals who are in need of guardianship and other protective services.

OGA is an affiliate of the National Guardianship Association

The *National Guardianship Association* web site answers questions such as:

**What is Guardianship?
How does it work?**

For detailed information go to:

www.guardianship.org



**OHIO GUARDIANSHIP
ASSOCIATION**
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OHIO GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION

Strengthening Guardianship through
Education, Training and Networking

*Promoting the
Highest Quality
of Values,
Standards and
Ethics for
Guardianship
Services*



The Ohio Guardianship Association (OGA)

is a non-profit organization which aspires to strengthen guardianship and related services through networking, continuing education, training and other programs and services.

OGA Mission

OGA promotes the highest quality of guardianship services. OGA provides education, training, and networking opportunities for guardians and other individuals concerned about those deemed incompetent by the Probate Court. OGA promotes the highest level of guardianship standards and ethics. OGA members adhere to the Standards of Practice of the National Guardianship Association.

OGA Vision

We envision that all Ohio adults in need will have access to the highest quality guardianship services.



DEFINITION

Adult Guardianship is a legal relationship between a court-appointed individual or program (the “guardian”) and an individual who has been found by the court to have diminished capacity due to dementia, brain injury, alcohol or drug abuse, mental illness, mental retardation, or other causes.

TRAINING



EDUCATION



NETWORKING



The OGA...

- **Advocates that guardianship should only be used as a last resort**, and that less restrictive alternatives should be used whenever possible.
- **Provides affordable education and training** featuring topics of immediate concern to practitioners through speakers, round table discussions, debates, and networking. These sessions bring together multiple disciplines interested in upgrading their skills and knowledge.
- **Provides support** for those acting as guardians in Ohio. This diverse group provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas.
- **Upholds the Standards of Practice and Model Code of Ethics** of the National Guardianship Association.
- **Promotes public policies and legislation** that advances the highest standards of guardianship practice.
- **Provides members with a membership list** on an annual basis. This valuable tool provides names, addresses and phone numbers of fellow OGA members for networking, communicating and seeking assistance with services in other areas of the state.
- **Is governed by a board of directors** who carry out its mission.

Membership Application *continued*

This is a: New Application Renewal Application

I apply to have a voting membership as defined below: (\$35.00)

Voting members must be doing guardianship work, or be affiliated with an agency that does guardianship work.

- Professional Member** (those who *are personally named* as guardian for unrelated individuals). This category includes both paid staff and volunteer guardians.
- Non-Professional Member** (those who provide guardianship services to related individuals). This category is for family members.
- Administrative Member** (those who are administering, or employed by a guardianship program, but are *not personally named* as guardian e.g. APSI).

I apply to have a non-voting membership as defined below: (\$20.00)

Non-Voting members have an interest in guardianship services, but are not affiliated with or employed by a guardianship program

- Affiliate Member** (those who have an interest in guardianship services, but whose employment or other interest may present a conflict of interest).
- Individual Member** (those who are not affiliated with a guardianship program, who choose to support the purposes of OGA through their membership and expertise).

My Check MO is enclosed for \$ _____

(Please make checks/money orders payable to the Ohio Guardianship Association.)

All applications for membership must be approved by an affirmative vote of the General Membership.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Ohio Guardianship Association
Attention: Ann Kuhlmann
c/o Life Span Inc.
1900 Fairgrove Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
513.868.3210, Ext. 208