

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

**PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAGE & FOR CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD(REN)**  
**(For Unmarried Fathers with No Proof of Paternity)**

\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner, without the assistance of an attorney, asks this Court to enter an Order establishing that I am the father of the minor child(ren) listed in this Petition, and giving me custody.

In support of this Petition, I state as follows:

**1. Petitioner's information:**

Name	Address	Date of Birth	Employer	Occupation

**2. Respondent's Information:**

Name	Address	Date of Birth	Employer	Occupation

**3. Residency (*Check all that apply*):**

- ☐ A. I have lived in Illinois since \_\_\_\_\_.  
DATE
- ☐ B. Respondent has lived in Illinois since \_\_\_\_\_.  
DATE

**4. Children**

A. I am the father, and Respondent is the mother, of the following minor child(ren):

Child's Name	Date of Birth (MM / DD / YY)
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(Attach additional pages as needed)

- B. The minor child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses for the last 5 years, starting with the most recent address (if there is more than one child and the children have lived apart at any time during the last 5 years, then attach additional pages):

Child(ren)'s Name(s) ⇨			
From (date) ⇩	To (date) ⇩	Address ⇩	Lived with whom? ⇩
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- C. The minor child(ren) now live(s) with: ☐ **Petitioner** ☐ **Respondent** ☐ **Both of us**  
☐ Other [describe the child(ren)'s living situation]: \_\_\_\_\_

- D. (a) ☐ The minor child(ren) **over** the age of 6 months have lived in Illinois for at least the last 6 months.  
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- E. Other than the parties to this case, no other person claims to have rights of custody and / or visitation with the minor child(ren), except:

- F. I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the court of any legal proceeding in Illinois, or any other state, that could affect child custody or visitation.

- G. **Check (a) or (b):**

- (a) ☐ I know of **no other court cases** or orders in Illinois, or any other state, concerning the parties or child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, child or spousal support, juvenile court cases, cases involving DCFS, etc.).  
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It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that (**Check A, B or C**):

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**6. Visitation**

It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the Court provide for visitation as follows (**Check A, B or C**):

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OR  
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- ☐ The parties have reached agreement(s) on the following issues:

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**CERTIFICATION**

Under the penalties for perjury provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that my statements in this document are true and correct.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE

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**ORDER OF PARENTAGE & FOR CUSTODY**

A hearing on the Petition to Establish Parentage & For Custody of Minor Child(ren) was held in this case on

\_\_\_\_\_.

Proper notice of that hearing was given, and ☐ Petitioner ☐ and Respondent appeared.

The Court **FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties, and subject matter jurisdiction over this case.
2. ☐ Petitioner ☐ and Respondent was/were (an) Illinois resident(s) when the Petition for Custody of Minor Child(ren) was filed, and maintained an Illinois residence for 90 days prior either to that filing date, or to the date of this Order.

3. **Children**

A. Petitioner is the father, and Respondent is the mother, of the following minor child(ren):

Child(ren)'s Name(s)	Date of Birth (MM/ DD / YY)
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B. Respondent is not now pregnant.

4. **Custody**

It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that :

☐ A. **Sole custody** of \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF CHILD(REN)  
be awarded to Petitioner.

☐ B. **Joint custody** of \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF CHILD(REN)  
be awarded to the parties, with ☐ Petitioner or ☐ Respondent as the residential parent.

5. **Visitation**

It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the Court order visitation as follows:

☐ A. ☐ **Deny** ☐ **Restrict** visitation to Respondent because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ B. Grant reasonable visitation to Respondent.

☐ C. Grant reasonable visitation to Petitioner.

6. **Child Support**

A. ☐ 1. **Respondent** is: ☐ employed ☐ unemployed.

☐ 2. **Respondent** is: ☐ able ☐ unable to contribute to the support of our minor child(ren)

B. ☐ 1. **Petitioner** is: ☐ employed ☐ unemployed.

☐ 2. **Petitioner** is: ☐ able ☐ unable to contribute to the support of our minor child(ren)

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: (to be completed by Judge)

A. **Custody**

☐ That **sole custody** of the minor child(ren) be awarded to Petitioner.

☐ That **joint legal custody** of the minor child(ren) be awarded, with Petitioner designated as the residential custodian.

☐ That **joint legal custody** of the minor child(ren) be awarded, with Respondent designated as the residential custodian.

B. **Visitation**

That ☐ Respondent's or ☐ Petitioner's visitation with the minor child(ren) be:

☐ Barred ☐ Reserved

☐ Restricted, as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Allowed, upon the following terms:

☐ Reasonable visitation to be determined by agreement of the parties.

☐ Reasonable visitation, as follows:

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**C. Child Support**

☐ That the issue of child support be reserved.

☐ That ☐ Respondent or ☐ Petitioner pay child support as follows:

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**D. Other**

☐ Additional relief as follows:

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DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

ENTER: \_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE