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Form #7:

Instructions to Guardians

Instructions: Use this form as a starting point for writing a letter to your guardians detailing the specifics of how you want your child(ren) to be raised. If possible, your letter should be unique and from the heart. It can be one page or 100 pages long, whatever is necessary for you to convey your wishes to the guardians of your child(ren). Sample letters are available at <http://www.familywealthmatters.com>.

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Instructions to Guardian

OUR INTENT FOR THIS DOCUMENT

This memorandum provides guidance to the guardian of our minor with respect to those decisions we consider most important when raising our child(ren), including education, religion and discipline, child-rearing practices, financial considerations, and our wishes regarding our child(ren)'s care. This memorandum is to be considered binding to the extent possible. However, we recognize that there might be unanticipated circumstances, so we request that all parties concerned act in accordance with our intent as set forth in this memorandum. We appoint the guardian of our minor child(ren) to carry out our wishes and desires as expressed herein.

Immediate Family and Friends

We are providing the following information so that our family, and the friends to whom our family is close, may be notified of our child(ren)'s new guardianship and invited to participate in our child(ren)'s lives.

Although we have named a single person or couple to act as guardians of our child(ren), we would like the following people to be consulted regarding our child(ren)'s upbringing:

The following friends and family members are extremely important to us and every effort should be made for these people to maintain a relationship with our child(ren):



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Important Information About Our Child(ren)

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Child's Place of Birth: _____

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Our child(ren)'s Primary Physician(s) (or the location of our child(ren)'s medical records):

Our child(ren) has/have the following medical conditions that require the following treatments:



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Our child(ren) attend(s) the following schools and extracurricular programs:



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Financial

We consider the following priorities most important when regarding the financial resources we have left for our child(ren):

We would like our child(ren) to receive an allowance at the following ages and in the following amounts:

We would like our guardian to keep in mind our feelings as follows about providing transportation when our child(ren) are old enough to drive a vehicle:

We would like our guardian to teach our child(ren) the value of money in the following ways:

The following is a list of items we would expect that our child(ren) ask us money for and which we would help them with, if asked:



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Community

We are involved in the following organizations and activities:

We would like our child(ren) to be introduced to the following organizations and activities that support the community:

We have the following charitable inclinations and would like these to be developed in our child(ren):

Values

The personal values most important to us, which we would like our child(ren) to have a strong understanding of, are as follows:



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Religion and Spirituality

Our child(ren) has/have been raised in the following religion or tradition:

It is important to us that our child(ren):

- Continue to receive education in the religion above
- Be free to learn and follow their conscience with regard to religion and spirituality
- Observe the following holidays:
- Participate in the following religious community:



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Education

We strongly prefer that our child(ren) attend(s):

- Public school
 - The local public school
 - The following public school: _____

- Private school
Name of school: _____

Or, if not available, we would like our child(ren) to attend a similar:

- Parochial private school
- Classical private education (academic programs)
- Child-led private school (Waldorf, Montessori, etc.)

- Home-school, if feasible

In selecting and monitoring our child(ren)'s educational experiences, it is important to us that the guardian be closely involved in our child(ren)'s education by:

- Attending all conferences
- Attending most family activities
- Volunteering at our child(ren)'s school
- Visiting our child(ren)'s school unannounced
- Discussing all report cards carefully
- Rewarding educational success
- Helping our child(ren) to identify their interests and to pursue them inside or outside of class
- Rounding out our child(ren)'s education by providing opportunities outside of the classroom to

enjoy:

- Nature
- Cultural events and places
- National travel
- International travel



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Discipline

It is important to us that our child(ren) be disciplined in a manner consistent with our values and child-rearing practices.

The following disciplinary methods are those we use most frequently because we believe they are appropriate and effective:

Parenting Resources

The following resources (books, organizations, etc) have been helpful to us in developing our parenting philosophy. We encourage our child(ren)'s guardian to consider these resources for guidance:



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Miscellaneous Instructions

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

[Signature]

[Printed Name]