



PETITION FOR (check all that apply)

PARENTAGE

ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

CHILD SUPPORT

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY: _____
County Where You Are Filing the Case

PETITIONER: _____
Who is starting the case. First, Middle, Last Name

RESPONDENT: _____
Who the case is filed against. First, Middle, Last Name

Case Number
(Clerk fills in)

This form can be used to have a judge determine any or all of the following: paternity of children, child support for minor children, or an allocation of parental responsibilities (formerly known as custody). Read the *How to File for Parentage/Allocation of Parental Responsibilities/Child Support* instructions at ilcourts.info/how-to-parentage before you fill out this form.

This form may take between 30-45 minutes to fill out. Some questions involve personal information, so you may need to refer to other documents to complete it. There are fees to file court forms like this one. Check with your Circuit Clerk for cost and fee information. If you cannot afford to pay costs and fees, you can ask the court to file for free or at a reduced amount by filing an *Application for Waiver of Court Fees*. This is a separate form you can find at: ilcourts.info/fee-waiver-forms.



Section A: Complete this section for all cases.

1. YOUR INFORMATION

A. My name is: _____
First, Middle, Last Name

B. My relationship to the child is: _____.

C. I am 18 years old or over.

Yes No

D. I am employed: (check all that apply)

Yes No I receive Social Security, unemployment or other types of benefits

I am employed as: _____
Job title

I am employed by: _____
Employer's name



2. THE OTHER PARENT

A. The other parent's name is: _____
First, Middle, Last Name

B. They are **18 years old or over**.

Yes No

C. I know the other person's **current address**:

Yes — If yes, enter the **current address**:

Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code

No — See page 7 of the [instructions](#) before completing the form.

D. The other parent's **phone number** is: _____.

E. The other parent is **employed** (check all that apply):

Yes No I Don't Know

The other parent receives Social Security, unemployment or other types of benefits

The other parent is employed as: _____
Job title

The other parent is employed by: _____
Employer's name

F. The other parent is currently on **active duty** as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America:

Yes No I Don't Know



3. CHILDREN THAT YOU HAVE TOGETHER

This section is about children you had together with the other party, who are younger than 18 years old. Do not fill in your address if your contact information is protected because of domestic violence or abuse.

	Name	Age	Has the child lived in Illinois for last 6 months?	Current Address (City, State)	Other Addresses in Last 5 Years (City, State)
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
3.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
4.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
5.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

4. HOW PARENTAGE WAS ESTABLISHED

Parentage can be established in different ways. Tell the court how parentage was established for each child.

	Name	Born during marriage to the other parent	Voluntary acknowledgement of paternity	Court order or order from Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B: Complete this section *only if you are asking for a parentage determination.*

The other parent and I are the parents of the children listed above because:

- we engaged in sexual relations that resulted in the birth of the children.
- we used assisted reproduction such as sperm donation, egg donation, or IVF and we are the intended parents.

Is someone else a presumed parent?

- Yes No

What is a presumed parent?

A “presumed parent” is generally the person who was married to the mother at the time the child was born, but who is not the biological parent of the child. For more specific information on how to determine whether there is a presumed parent in your case, read the *How To* instructions.

If there is a presumed parent, you must provide them with a *Notice to Presumed Parent*.

If there is a presumed parent for any of the children, list them:

	Name of child	Name of presumed parent
1.		
2.		

Section C: Complete this section *only if you are asking for an allocation of parental responsibilities.*

5. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN

This section asks for other information about your children. If you answer “yes” to questions A, B, or C, the judge may require you to provide additional information under oath.

- A. I have been involved in a court case, other than this one, which was about allocation of parental rights and responsibilities (custody, visitation, support) for one or more of the children I have with the other parent:

- No Yes

B. I know of another court case which may affect what type of order is entered in this case about the children I have with the other parent. For example, adoption, guardianship, order of protection, or juvenile:

- No Yes

C. Someone else has physical custody of one or more of the children I have with the other parent or claims to have rights to legal custody, physical custody, or visitation:

- No Yes

D. The minor children currently live with:

- Me.
 The other parent.
 Both of us.
 Someone else.

E. If one or more of the children has lived at an address with another adult and without either parent in the last 5 years, list the adult's name and current address:

- None

	Name	Current Address
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

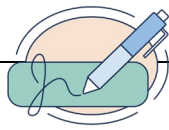


6. WHAT ARE YOU ASKING THE JUDGE TO DO?

Make your official request to the judge. Check the boxes for the things you want the judge to do.

I ask the judge to determine:

- Parentage, if necessary, including ordering paternity testing.
 Parenting time (visitation) and decision-making rights.
 Child support for the minor children.
 Other: _____.

**SIGN**

Under [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#), my signature means that:

- 1) Everything in this document is true and correct, or I have been informed or I believe it to be true and correct, and
- 2) I understand that making a false statement on this form is perjury and has penalties provided by law.

If you are filling out this form online, sign your name by typing it. If you are filling out this form by hand, sign and print your name.

Signature /s/ _____ Print Name _____

 I am completing this form for myself

Phone Number _____ Email (if you have one) _____

Address _____
Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code

Be sure to **check your email every day** so you do not miss important information, court dates, or documents from other parties.

 I am a lawyer completing this form on behalf of a client (Client name): _____

Lawyer Name _____ Attorney Number _____

Lawyer Phone Number _____ Law Firm _____

Lawyer Email _____

Address _____
Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code

**NEXT STEP FOR PERSON FILLING OUT THIS FORM:**

- File this form with the Circuit Clerk in the county where you or the other parent lives. For more information on where to file, go to ilcourts.info/clerks.
- Arrange to notify the other person that you have filed a parentage/allocation of parental responsibilities/child support case. Information on how to do that can be found at ilcourts.info/how-to-parentage.
- Confirm that the Sheriff has notified the other person by serving them with the forms.



Learn more about each step in the process by reading the *How to File for Parentage instructions* at ilcourts.info/how-to-parentage.

NEXT STEP FOR PERSON RECEIVING THIS DOCUMENT

- Look carefully at the summons you received with this document to see if you must appear for a court date or if you have 30 days to file a written appearance. If you are given a date to appear in court, you must appear on that date. If you are given 30 days to file a written appearance, you must file an *Appearance* form and an *Answer or Response* form with the Circuit Clerk no later than 30 days from the date you received this *Petition* and the *Summons*.
- If you do not appear on your court date or you do not file an *Appearance* and an *Answer or Response* on time, the judge may decide the case without hearing from you. This is called "default." As a result, you could lose the case.
- *Appearance* and *Answer or Response* forms can be found at ilcourts.info/forms.