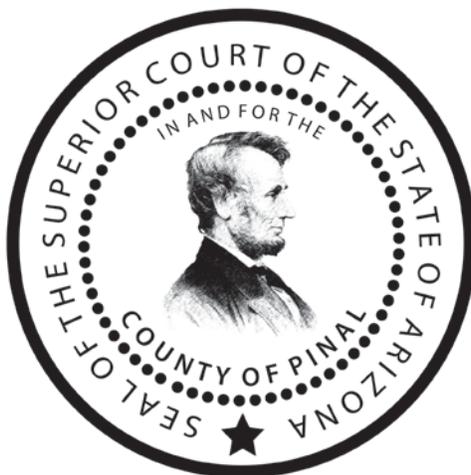


APPLICATION FOR EMANCIPATION



PINAL COUNTY

**TO REQUEST A COURT ORDER
FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR**

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS

**Provided as a Public Service by
Amanda Stanford
Clerk of the Superior Court**

EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR

CHECKLIST

YOU MAY USE THESE FORMS IF:

- ✓ You are at least 16 years old and less than 18. Note that this court process will generally take about 3 months, so if you are 17 and nine months or older, you may turn 18 and emancipate automatically before this process is completed.
- ✓ You are not legally married.
- ✓ You are a resident of Arizona and of the county where you are filing this request. **AND**
- ✓ You are financially self-sufficient, that is, you can prove you are able to support yourself and provide your own food, housing, and medical care, etc., without parental assistance, and you want to be declared legally “an Adult”, responsible for your own support, **AND**
- ✓ You understand emancipation will release your parents from any further legal obligation to provide you with food, housing, medical care (or insurance), **AND**
- ✓ You have read and understand the “**Information on Emancipation in Arizona**” packet, **AND**
- ✓ You are prepared to give notice of this request to your parent(s) if their parental rights have not been terminated by Court Order and to any legal guardian(s).

YOU MAY NOT USE THESE FORMS IF:

- ✗ **YOU ARE A WARD OF THE COURT**, that is, you may not apply for emancipation if you are on probation or parole, or in the care or legal decision-making of CPS or other state agency if a “final” order of **Dependency** has been issued.
- ✗ **YOU ARE LEGALLY MARRIED** in which case you are *already* emancipated.

READ ME: Before filing documents with the Court, you may want to consult a lawyer to help guard against undesired and unexpected consequences.

PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR

PART 1: PREPARING THE COURT PAPERS. This packet contains court forms and instructions to file the court papers to request a Court Order for the emancipation of a minor. The documents should appear in order as listed below.

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These forms shall not be used to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. The documents are under continual revision and are current only for the day they were received. It is strongly recommended that you verify on a regular basis that you have the most current documents.

INSTRUCTIONS and PROCEDURES

HOW TO COMPLETE AND FILE PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR

FIRST STEPS:

- 1. MAKE SURE YOU MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS.** See the Checklist at the beginning of the forms packet. Note that if you are older than 17 and 9 months, you may turn 18 and be emancipated automatically before this court process is completed.

- 2. COMPLETE THE COURT FORMS IN THIS PACKET:** Fill out all the forms completely in **black ink**.
 - **PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR** (and any appropriate attachments). See the separate instructions “How to fill out the Petition for Emancipation of a Minor” for this form.
 - **JUVENILE EMANCIPATION INFORMATION SHEET.** Complete everything but the “Case Number.” The Clerk of the Court will stamp the Case Number when you file the papers. You will use this case number on all court papers you file with the Clerk in this case.
 - **“CONSENT TO EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR.** If any parent or guardian consents to your emancipation have them complete the “**Consent**” form and sign it in the presence of a notary public or deputy clerk. Consent is NOT REQUIRED, but does support your request.
 - **MOTION TO SEAL COURT RECORD FOR REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY.** Complete this form if you wish to request that the Court order that case information be kept confidential and private. Once you have completed this form, submit it with the other forms you are filing with the Clerk’s Office.
 - **NOTICE OF HEARING.** Complete your name in the caption only. The Clerk of the Court will complete the remaining part of the document; schedule a hearing providing date, time and location of the hearing.
 - **ORDER RE: MOTION TO SEAL COURT RECORD FOR REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALLY.** Complete your name in the caption only. The judge will complete the rest of the document.
 - **ORDER RE: EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR.** Complete your name in the caption only. The judge will complete the rest of the document.

- 3. SIGN/NOTARIZE DOCUMENTS THEN MAKE COPIES AND SEPARATE YOUR PAPERS.** If you have had your signature notarized in appropriate areas make 1 copy of all the completed forms except:
 - Notice of Hearing Regarding Petition for Emancipation of a Minor
 - Order Re: Motion to Seal Court Record for Reasons of Confidentially
 - Order Re: Emancipation of a Minor

Assemble your papers so that you have **2 packets: one set of originals and one set of copies.**

ORIGINALS should include:

- One (1) **“Petition for Emancipation of a Minor”**;
- One (1) **“Juvenile Emancipation Information Sheet,”** and
- One (1) **“Consent to Emancipation of a Minor,”** from each parent, if applicable.
- One (1) **“Motion to Seal Court Record for Reasons of Confidentiality”** if applicable.

SET 2 – Copies for your records and should include:

- One (1) **“Petition for Emancipation of a Minor”**;
- One (1) **“Juvenile Emancipation Information Sheet”**, and;
- One (1) **“Consent to Emancipation of a Minor”**, from each parent if agreed to Petition.
- One (1) **“Motion to Close Court Record for Reasons of Confidentiality”** if applicable.

Include the three documents, Notice of Hearing, Order Re: Motion and Order Re: Emancipation with the **original** set of forms.

FILE THE PAPERS AT THE CLERK OF THE COURT:

- 4. DETERMINE WHERE TO FILE THE COURT FORMS:** There are 4 locations of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Pinal County. Take Original forms and Copies to any one of the offices listed below. Please keep in mind that any court hearings will be conducted at the Florence location.

Pinal County Justice Complex
971 N. Jason Lopez Circle Bldg. A
Florence, AZ 85132
520.866.5300

Casa Grande Office
820 E. Cottonwood Lane Bldg. B
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
520.866.5300

Apache Junction Office
575 N. Idaho Rd. Suite 109
Apache Junction, AZ 85119
520.866.5300

Mammoth Office
(Temporarily Closed)
118 Catalina
Mammoth, AZ 85618

- 5. PAY FILING FEE:** The filing fee is **\$61.00**. Payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court by cash, money order, cashier's check, debit or credit visa or master card. If you think a fee deferral is appropriate, ask the staff at the front counter for an Application for Fee Waiver or Deferral before you file your Petition.
- 6. GETTING A HEARING DATE:** Once the **“Petition for Emancipation of a Minor”** is filed, the Court will schedule a hearing to be held within 30 days. This will allow you to notify those required to receive notice of the hearing date and time. This would include your biological, adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s), which they parental rights have not been terminated. If you are unable to locate a parent or legal guardian, be prepared to explain to the Court at the hearing why you cannot locate that person and to prove to the Court you did everything you could to try to find the parent or legal guardian. **Note:** Stepparents cannot give consent and need not be given notice (unless they legally adopted you).
- 7. SERVICE OF PETITION AND PROOF OF SERVICE:** See the packet “Service of Petition for Emancipation. How to give legal notice to Parties Involved” to help you determine how to give legal notice to all interested parties.
- 8. OTHER HELP:** Court personnel can answer certain limited questions about the procedures involved, but only an attorney can give you legal advice. You can find a lawyer in the yellow pages of your telephone book (or online) under “attorneys”. There may be Legal Services to provide free legal assistance for those with limited income.

PREPARING FOR THE COURT HEARING FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR:

- 9.** Be prepared to testify at the court hearing about why you think emancipation is needed. You may also bring witnesses to testify in support of your request.

IMPORTANT!

If Emancipation is granted you will receive a signed court order AFTER the hearing:

1. Follow the instructions given by the Judge to ensure the Court Order is properly recorded with the Clerk's Office.
2. The Clerk will issue final documents for you to take with you.

INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO FILL OUT THE PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR

Use these instructions to fill out the Petition. Fill out the form completely in black ink.

- Fill in the information requested about yourself in the top, left corner, unless your contact information is "protected" by Court Order or you have the permission of the Court to leave out your address and phone number. If you are represented by an attorney, write in your attorney's bar number and telephone.
- Under "In the matter of", write in your name. Leave the Case Number blank. The Clerk of the Court will stamp in the case number when you file the documents with the Court.

STATEMENTS TO THE COURT UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Read each of the listed statements. All of these statements must be true for the Court to order your emancipation. When you sign the final page of this document you are stating to the Court these statements and all of the information you have provided on this document are true and correct under penalty of law.

- 1: **INFORMATION ABOUT ME:** Write in all the information requested unless it's "protected" as described above. If this information is protected by court order or you have permission from the court to omit your address and phone information – write "protected" in this space.
- 2: **PERSONS ENTITLED TO NOTICE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARENTS and any CURRENT LEGAL GUARDIAN(S).** The Court **REQUIRES** notice of the hearing on your request for emancipation to be given to any living parent whose parental rights have not been terminated by a court order as well as to any current legal guardian. This means the Court must provide notice to either your biological or adoptive parents. Do not list a step-parent unless he or she has legally adopted you or is a legal guardian.

You must list both parents and any current legal guardian(s) even if you have had no contact with them. If you do not have current contact information for any of these persons, be prepared to explain to the Court ***why you cannot*** provide this information.

If any parent or guardian listed is deceased or if a parent's rights have been terminated by Court Order, check the appropriate box under (or beside) that person's name. If any person listed is deceased, attach proof such as a death certificate or obituary notice.

- 3 – 11: **FACTS TO SUPPORT MY REQUEST FOR EMANCIPATION:** Complete these sections providing detailed written answers, *in English*. If the Court is not satisfied with your answers, your request for emancipation may be delayed or denied.

Answer each question to the best of your ability. The Court may require more or different information or explanation on any topic.

Financial, Personal, and Social Affairs, Housing, and Medical Care (required).

In your responses to these items, you will show the Court how you will manage to live wholly independent of your parents or legal guardian. You will list those individuals with which you are living or plan on living when emancipated. You will answer questions about your current level of education as well as your plans for future education. Your place(s) of employment must be listed as well as any public assistance which you receive or plan on applying for. You will then list your average monthly earnings (from all sources) and your assets (things that you own that are of value). You must then list your expenses (including housing, food, clothing, utilities, medical care, transportation costs) you expect to have when emancipated. **If the information you have provided when answering these questions does not fully explain how you will provide for your own food, housing, medical care or other anticipated costs, you will need to attach a paper containing the full explanation.**

Additional Facts. (Optional) List or describe, on an attached paper, any additional facts or explain any situation not previously covered that supports your request for emancipation.

12: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS. In addition to any documentation required to support your “Facts supporting Emancipation”, you **MUST** attach AT LEAST ONE of the three items listed. **You may choose to include more than one to further support your request – but you MUST include at least one.**

(a) “Documentation (proof) you have been living on your own for at least 3 consecutive months”
Examples:

- **Notarized statements from your landlord or other persons who can verify that you have been living apart from your parents (or guardians) for at least three months;**
- **Pay stubs spanning 3 months listing an address other than your parent(s) (or guardians);**
- **Mail addressed to you listing an address other than your parents showing postmarks indicating you have received mail at this address for at least three months;**
- **Utility bills (home or cell phone, electricity) or subscriptions indicating your have received bills or magazines, etc. at this address for at least three months.**

(b) “A statement explaining why I believe the home of my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is not a healthy or safe environment.”

(c) “A notarized statement by my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that contains written consent to the emancipation along with an explanation.”

13: COURT ORDER OF PROTECTION – if there is an existing Court order of protection, you will need to note this here.

14: REQUESTS TO THE COURT – You are not required to “do” anything for this section; this is standard language used by the Court.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM: Sign and date your petition in the presence of a Notary Public or Deputy Clerk of Court. Attach all required documents and any other supporting documents. Return to “Instructions and Procedures: How to Complete and File Petition” to complete all the other forms and then follow procedures to **“File the Paper at the Clerk of the Court.”**

Arizona Superior Court, Pinal County

Juvenile Emancipation Cover Sheet

CASE NUMBER JE 2

Judge _____

<p style="text-align: center;">PETITIONER/ MINOR NAME and ADDRESS</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARENT ADDRESS (MOTHER)</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>DOB: _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY NAME and ADDRESS</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Social Security Number: _____</p> <p>DOB: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARENT ADDRESS (FATHER)</p> <p>Name / State Bar#: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p>
<p>FEES: <input type="checkbox"/> PAID <input type="checkbox"/> NOT PAID - REASON:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political Subdivision/Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred <input type="checkbox"/> Waived </p>	

NATURE OF ACTION

Place an "X" next to the description below which describes the nature of the case.

JUVENILE EMANCIPATION

_____ JE1 EMANCIPATION

There is an agreement as to the parenting arrangements of the minor children: YES NO

To the best of my knowledge, all information is true and correct.

Attorney / Pro Per Signature

NOTICE

Effective September 8, 1992 and pursuant to Superior Court (Pinal County), Administrative Order No. 92-15, the Superior Court requires that a "Cover Sheet", which categorizes the cause of action, accompany any new action filed with the Superior Court in Pinal County. For this purpose, this form has been developed. The cover sheet will result in increased accuracy of courts records and statistics, and and in reduced processing time for new case filings.

Forms will be made available at the Clerk of the Superior Court's Filing Counter.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH CASES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILED. This form can only be processed at the time of filing New Complaints and Petitions.

Thank you for assisting us with our efforts to improve service.

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Name of Person Filing: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY • JUVENILE COURT**

In the Matter of the Emancipation of: **CASE NUMBER: JE2** _____

PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR
A.R.S. §12-2451

Minor

STATEMENTS TO THE COURT UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

- I am at least 16 years old.
- I am a resident of Arizona and of the county where I am filing this request.
- I am financially self-sufficient; I am able to support myself and provide for my own food, housing and medical care.
- I have read and understand the information provided by the Court that explains the rights and obligations of an emancipated minor and the potential risks and consequences of emancipation.
- I am not a ward of the court: I am not on probation or parole, or in the care or legal decision-making of CPS or other state agency, and no final order of "Dependency" has been entered.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ME, "THE MINOR", REQUESTING EMANCIPATION

My Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

2. **PERSON(S) ENTITLED TO NOTICE** of this matter under Arizona law, A.R.S. 12-24516. If applicable check the box for "Parental Rights Terminated by Court Order" or "Deceased" and attach proof (e.g. copy of Order terminating parental rights, copy of the death certificate or obituary notice).

MOTHER Name: _____
 Deceased Parental Rights Terminated by Court Order
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

FATHER Name: _____
 Deceased Parental Rights Terminated by Court Order
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN Name: _____
 Deceased Parental Rights Terminated by Court Order
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN Name: _____
 Deceased Parental Rights Terminated by Court Order
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

EXPLAIN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED WHY YOU HAVE A GUARDIAN:

FACTS TO SUPPORT MY REQUEST FOR EMANCIPATION: The following answers and statements explain how I will handle my financial, personal, and social affairs, provide for my own food, housing and medical care, maintain my educational or vocational training and my employment situation.

3. **MY STREET ADDRESS:** _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
I have been living there since: (month / date / year) _____

4. **I LIVE THERE WITH** (name and relationship of all persons, including children):

5. EDUCATION:

- a. **I am attending** (name of school) _____ and I am in the _____ grade.
b. **I am NOT attending school.** The highest grade I have completed is _____ grade.
c. My plans concerning education or job training is as follows:

6. EMPLOYMENT:

- a. **I am employed and occupation is:** _____

I am employed by: (List name, address and contact phone number for all employers)

Employer #1: _____

Employer #2: _____

I started work for Employer #1 (month / year):

I started work for Employer #2 (month / year):

- b. **I am NOT currently employed.**

I lasted worked from (month / year) _____ to (month / year) _____.

My gross monthly earnings (before taxes or other deductions) **were:** \$ _____

7. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

- a. I am not receiving welfare or TANF and do not intend to apply for welfare or TANF.
b. I am receiving welfare or TANF. Monthly amount received is: \$ _____
c. I have applied for or intend to apply for welfare or TANF.

8. AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME (before taxes or other deductions)

a. Salary and Wages, including bonuses and overtime: \$ _____

b. Money received from adults (name and relationship to adults):

Name, Relation _____ \$ _____

Name, Relation _____ \$ _____

c. Social Security *Survivor* Benefits (received due to death of a parent) \$ _____

d. Social Security *Disability* Benefits \$ _____

e. Other sources of income (specify source and amount) \$ _____

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME: \$ _____

9. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING ASSETS (things of value that I own):

a. Cash \$ _____

b. Checking Account(s) (total, if more than one) \$ _____

c. Saving Account(s) (total, if more than one) \$ _____

d. Stocks, Bonds \$ _____

e. Vehicle (Year, Make and Model) \$ _____

f. Other (specify) \$ _____

g. Other (specify) \$ _____

h. Trust Fund \$ _____

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS: \$ _____

10. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:

a. Rent \$ _____

b. Food (groceries plus dining out) \$ _____

c. Clothing \$ _____

d. Utilities (phone plus electric, gas, cellular, water & sewer) \$ _____

e. Medical:

1. Insurance \$ _____

2. Doctor, dentist, hospital, urgent care \$ _____

3. Prescription medications \$ _____

Total Medical Expenses \$ _____

f. Transportation (public transit, bus and taxi) \$ _____

g. Vehicle:

1. Monthly payments \$ _____

2. Insurance \$ _____

3. Fuel / gasoline \$ _____

4. Service, maintenance, repair \$ _____

Total Vehicle Expenses \$ _____

h. Child Support \$ _____

i. Other (specify) \$ _____

j. Other (specify) \$ _____

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$ _____

11. **HEALTH CARE** I will provide for my health care through insurance through employer AHCCCS Other

If "Other", explain: _____

12. **AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS INCLUDED WITH MY REQUEST** (At least **one** box **must** be checked; you **may** check and attach **more than** one to support your request)

- Attached is documentation that I have been living on my own for at least three consecutive months.
- Attached is a statement explaining why I believe that the home of my parent(s) and/or legal guardians(s) is **NOT** a health and/or safe environment.
- Attached is a notarized statement by one (or more) of my parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) that contains written consent to my emancipation **and** explanation.

13. **ORDER OF PROTECTION** Is there currently an "Order of Protection" between you and any parent or legal guardian? YES NO

If an "Order of Protection" has been issued, provide the name of the Court, which issued this Order:

14. **I REQUEST THAT THE COURT SCHEDULE A HEARING AND ENTER AN ORDER FOR MY EMANCIPATION**

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF MINOR PETITIONING FOR EMANCIPATION

I swear or affirm that I have read this document and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief under penalty of law.

(Signature of Minor)

(Date)

WITNESSED SIGNATURE OF MINOR BEFORE THIS DATE: _____

AMANDA STANFORD
Clerk of the Superior Court

By _____
(Deputy Clerk)

Name of Person Filing: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY • JUVENILE COURT**

In the Matter of the Emancipation of: _____ CASE NUMBER: JE2 _____

**JUVENILE EMANCIPATION
INFORMATION SHEET**

Minor

NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR COURT USE ONLY AND IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE CLERK WHEN FILING THE PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MINOR WHO WANTS TO BE EMANCIPATED

Name: _____
(First) *(Middle)* *(Last)*

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____

Social Security Number: _____

Will you or any person required to receive notice need a court interpreter Yes No

If a party requires an interpreter, please provide their name and the language needed:

Name of Person Filing: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY • JUVENILE COURT**

In the Matter of the Emancipation of: **CASE NUMBER: JE2**

**MOTION TO SEAL COURT RECORD FOR
REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

Minor

Petitioner moves the Court to seal the record in the above matter. The Petition for Emancipation contains information of the following nature, which may contain or infer matters of confidentiality or privacy, pursuant to Rule 123, Rules of the Supreme Court and Rule 19(A)(2), Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

- Address information involving petitioner, petitioner's parents, or petitioner's guardians.
- Financial information to include the amount and potential source of such earnings.
- Potential allegations of abuse or neglect against petitioner's parents or guardians.
- Medical expense information of the petitioner, from which the public may ascertain or infer petitioner's current medical health.
- Social history information of the petitioner regarding how petitioner came to be in the legal decision-making of the guardian.

Public disclosure of any of the above items serves neither the best interest of the petitioner nor public access to judicial records.

(Signature of Minor)

(Date)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY • JUVENILE COURT**

In the Matter of the Emancipation of:

CASE NUMBER: JE2

**NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
Petition for Emancipation of a Minor**

Minor

Read this Notice Carefully. An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this Notice, contact a lawyer for help.

1. **NOTICE IS GIVEN TO** _____ that the above named Minor has filed a *“Petition for Emancipation”* with the Court.

2. **HEARING INFORMATION.** A court hearing has been scheduled to consider the Petition as follows:
Name of Judicial Officer: _____
Date and Time of Hearing: _____
Place of Hearing: PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Address of Hearing: Pinal County Justice Complex
971 N. Jason Lopez Circle, Building A
Florence AZ 85132

3. **RESPONSE.** You may file a written response to the petition within 30 days of receipt of this notice using the attached form. File your original written response with the Clerk of the Court, mail a copy of the response to the Minor and provide a copy of your response to the Judge / Commissioner / Division named above, or you can appear in person at the hearing.

Dated this _____ day of _____

AMANDA STANFORD
Clerk of the Superior Court

By _____
(Deputy Clerk)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY • JUVENILE COURT**

In the Matter of the Emancipation of:

CASE NUMBER: JE2

**ORDER RE: MOTION TO SEAL COURT RECORD
FOR REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY**
A.R.S. §12-2454

Minor

The Court has considered the Minor's Motion to Close Court Record for Reasons of Confidentiality.

GOOD CAUSE appearing

IT IS ORDERED SEALING THE COURT RECORD in this cause and all future documents under this cause, not to be opened without further order of the Court, with the exception of any Final Order of Emancipation.

IT IS ORDERED DENYING THE REQUEST TO SEAL THE COURT RECORD in this cause.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

(Judge of Superior Court)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY • JUVENILE COURT**

In the Matter of the Emancipation of:

CASE NUMBER: JE2

ORDER RE: EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR
A.R.S. §12-2454

Minor

The Court has considered the following factors:

1. The potential risks and consequences of emancipation and to what degree the minor understands these risks and consequences.
2. The wishes of the minor.
3. The opinions and recommendations of the Minor's parent or legal guardian.
4. The financial resources of the Minor including the Minor's employment history.
5. The Minor's ability to be financially self-sufficient.
6. The Minor's level of education and the Minor's success in school.
7. Whether the minor has a criminal record.
8. Whether child abuse or neglect has been present.

An emancipation order issued pursuant to Section 12-2454 recognizes the Minor as an adult for the following purposes:

1. The right to enter into a binding contract.
2. The ability to sue and be sued.
3. The right to buy and sell real property.
4. The right to establish a legal residence.
5. The obligation to pay child support.
6. The right to incur debts.
7. The right to access medical treatment and records.
8. The right to consent to medical, dental and psychiatric care without parental consent, knowledge or liability.
9. The right to consent to medical, dental and psychiatric care for the emancipated Minor's child.
10. Eligibility for social services.
11. The right to obtain a license to operate equipment or perform a service.
12. The right to apply for enrollment in any school or college.
13. The ability to apply for loans.

An emancipation order issued pursuant to Section 12-2454 terminates a parent's or legal guardian's:

1. Right to the emancipated Minor's income.
2. Future child support obligations relating to the emancipated Minor.
3. Tort liability for the emancipated Minor's actions.
4. Obligation to financially support the emancipated Minor after the first day of the month following entry of this order.
5. Obligation to provide medical support for the emancipated Minor.

Based on the matters presented to the Court, the Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that emancipation is in the best interest of the Minor named above and the Court **ORDERS GRANTING THE PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION** of the Minor named above. This Order:

1. Is conclusive evidence that the Minor is emancipated.
2. Terminates a dependency action as to the minor by operation of law.

Based on the matters presented to the Court, the Court finds that emancipation is **NOT** in the best interest of the Minor named above and the court **DENIES THE PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION** of the Minor named above.

THIS ORDER OF EMANCIPATION IS HEREBY ENTERED THIS _____ day of _____ 20 _____

(Judge of the Superior Court)