

3. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

All applicants to the guardian ad litem registry must provide proof of successful completion of guardian ad litem trainings as required by Title 11 and/or Title 26. Proof of re-certification is required for Title 26 guardians ad litem every three (3) years. [Adopted September 1, 2023]

3.1 ATTORNEYS

Attorneys must be a member of the Washington State Bar Association in good standing. [Amended September 1, 2022; amended September 1, 2023]

3.2 NON-ATTORNEYS

(a) Family Law Registry (Title 26)

- (1) Bachelor level degree in any of the following fields: social work, psychology, counseling, nursing, medicine or equivalent field; or
- (2) Certified by the State of Washington as a social worker, mental health therapist or marriage and family counselor, or licensed as a psychologist, nurse or physician, in good standing; or
- (3) Proof of four completed guardian ad litem assignments for any Washington State superior court within the past five years

and

Proof of successful completion of two supervised guardian ad litem assignments as follows:

- (i) One guardian ad litem assignment done in conjunction with a mentor guardian ad litem which shall include accompanying the mentor on all visits, attendance at all interviews, participation in preparation of a report, and attendance at all court hearings. The mentor is the guardian ad litem of record, and this assignment is without compensation to the applicant.
- (ii) One guardian ad litem assignment done under the supervision of the same mentor guardian ad litem which shall include more active participation on the part of the applicant, i.e., requesting documents, conducting interviews, preparing reports under the supervision of the mentor. The mentor is the guardian ad litem of record, and this assignment is without compensation to the applicant.

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(b) Adult Guardianship and Probate Registry (Title 11.130)

- (1) Two (2) years of experience in the needs of impaired elderly people, physical disabilities, mental illness, developmental disabilities/ and/or other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons, and

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(c) Minor Guardianship Registry (Title 11.130)

A guardian ad Litem in good standing on either a Title 26 Guardian and Litem Registry or a Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry maintained Washington State Superior Court.

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