

BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIAN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR VOLUNTEER GUARDIANS:

1. Who can volunteer to serve?

Volunteers must be eighteen (18) years of age and must agree to complete a fingerprint based criminal background check.

2. What is the time commitment?

The Board consists of between 7 and 11 members who are appointed by the board of county commissioners. Appointments are for four year terms and members serve without pay.

3. Are any special skills or knowledge needed?

No. There are no special skills or knowledge required. We are seeking volunteers with a heart for service and commitment to our community.

4. Do I have to be a Bonner County resident?

No. There is no requirement that a volunteer be a Bonner County resident. However, the statute does state that members should be representatives of community interests involving persons needing guardians or conservators. (See Idaho Code § 15-5-602(b)).

FOR PERSONS LOOKING FOR HELP OR SERVICES

1. What is the Board of Community Guardian?

The Bonner County Board of Community Guardian was established in 1993 to act as a guardian for incapacitated individuals in those cases where a person is in need of a guardian or conservator and there is no person or institution otherwise qualified and willing to act as guardian or conservator for such person.

2. How do I contact the Board?

You can contact the Board via telephone at (208) 255-3098 or by email at guardianboard@bonnercountyid.gov.

3. What services does the Board provide?

The Board provides guardianship and/or conservatorship for county residents that need an umbrella of protection.

4. Who can qualify for services?

A potential ward must lack capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions, and may suffer harm due to their inability to provide for needs of food, clothing, health care, shelter, safety and to manage their financial affairs. The Board acts as a last resort when no family or friends are available and willing to step in and help.

5. Can I apply for a relative or friend?

Yes.

6. How do I apply?

A referral form is available on the Bonner County website here: <http://bonnercounty.us/wp-content/uploads/Commissioners/Comm%20Guardian/REFERRAL-FORM.pdf>. Complete the form to the best of your ability and submit per the instructions. Don't worry if you cannot fill out all of the information requested. Just do the best you can.

7. How long does it take to get a response?

If you submit a referral/application the Board will review it and make a decision at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. In general, the Board meets once a month.

8. Will I be contacted?

Yes. A member of the Board of Community Guardian will contact you and let you know the status of the application. You may also be contacted if the Board has questions about the application.