INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A WRONGFUL DEATH TRUST

These instructions are intended as a <u>guideline only</u> and should not be relied upon as a comprehensive list of duties in a wrongful death trust.

If you have a wrongful death settlement and you have decided to create a trust for the benefit of the decedent's beneficiaries under the age of 25, the following information and forms are designed to offer procedural guidance and direction to accomplish this task.

This trust shall be administered as any other trust in the Probate Court. Bond shall be required of every non-corporate fiduciary unless bond is waived according to law.

A fee is required at the time of filing. Current Court Costs are posted at:

https://www.probatect.org/about/general-resources. Please confirm the amount with the Cashier since filing fees may have changed subsequent to the publication of the instruction sheet. This fee must be paid in cash, certified check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. No personal checks or money orders will be accepted.

The forms may be obtained from the Issue Desk on the 9th floor of the Probate Court, 230 E. 9th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio or by downloading the forms from the web site.

PROCEDURAL STEPS

Step 1: Complete the following forms	
Application to Create a [Wrongful Death] Trust and to Approve the Trust form.	Filed in the decedent's
(H.C. Form 115.54)	estate
- Complete form.	
Note: This application is filed in the decedent's estate.	
Entry Setting Hearing (H.C. Form 202.00)	Filed in the decedent's
- Fill in the name of the decedent only, the magistrate will fill in the	estate
hearing date & time and initial the entry.	
Entry Creating Trust and Approving Trust Form (H.C. 115.55)	Filed in the decedent's
- Complete form. Bring to Court on the day of the hearing.	estate after the hearing
- If the WRONGFUL DEATH TRUST is approved, the Judge will sign the	
trust as the grantor.	
Application for Appointment of a Trust (H.C. 54.1)	Filed at the time the
- Complete form.	Application to Create Trust
- This application will be given a new case number.	is filed.
	Set for hearing same day
	and time.
Entry Setting Hearing (H.C. Form 202.00)	Given the same date and
- Fill in the name of the decedent only, the magistrate will fill in the	time as the Application to
hearing date & time and initial the entry.	Create Trust
Trustee's Bond (H.C. 54.3)	Once signed by the
- When applying to be appointed trustee, the applicant is required to	applicant, the bond form
execute a bond.	needs to be left with the
- Applicant must execute and date form.	Court in order for the agent

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- Bond must be executed by a surety company in front of the court	of the surety company to
personnel. The hand shall be twice the value of the coasts funding the twist with a	execute the bond in the
- The bond shall be twice the value of the assets funding the trust, with a minimum bond requirement of \$20,000.	presence of the clerk.
	May be left with the Court
	anytime prior to the hearing.
Application for Release of Funds to Custodial Depository in Lieu of Bond	Normally the day of the
(H.C.204.05)	hearing
- Complete form.	
- Filed when there is not an attorney and applicant does not want to obtain one.	
- Filed to dispense with requirement of joint control with an attorney, posting of a bond and filing of fiduciary accounts.	
Entry Releasing Funds to Custodial Depository in Lieu of Bond (H.C. 204.06)	Normally the day of the
- Complete form.	hearing
- Make sure you have obtained an account number from the bank.	_
Verification of Receipt and Deposit of Custodial Depository (H.C. 204.07)	Filed by the bank, normally
- A bank clerk completes form once the funds are in the account.	within 30 days from filing
- Normally the bank sends the form to the court.	of Entry Releasing Funds to
	Custodial Depository
Entry Appointing Trustee; Letters of Authority (H.C. 54.4)	Preferably at the time of
- Complete form.	initial filing, if not, day of
- If the Judge approves the WRONGFUL DEATH TRUST, he will sign	hearing.
the entry.	
Irrevocable Trust Agreement (H.C. 154.5)	
- This agreement is to be signed by the trustee and then delivered to the	
10 th floor Assignment Desk for presentation to the Judge.	
- Any deviations from this form shall be brought to the attention of the	
court in advance of the hearing date.	
- A copy of the trust will be filed in the decedent's estate file. The	
original signed trust will be filed under the wrongful death trust.	
THE NEXT GROUP OF FORMS IS NOT NEEDED AT THE INITIAL	
FILING.	
Trustee's Inventory (H.C. Form 54.5)	3 months from date of
- The trustee must file an inventory specifically listing the assets of the	appointment
trust and the value of those assets.	
Trustee's Account (H.C. Form 54.8)	Every 2 years starting with
- From the date of appointment, the trustee is responsible for filing on	date of appointment
account every 2 years.	
- On back of Trustee's Account (form 54.8), have an employee of each	
bank where trust funds are deposited complete a bank certificate.	
- Trustee must sign form.	T21 1 11
Receipts and Disbursements (H.C. Form 54.81)	Filed with account
- Specifically list the assets of the trust that were listed on the Inventory	
(54.5) plus all income and disbursements made.	

Assets Remaining in Trustee's Hands (H.C. Form 54.82)	
- Complete form if filing a current account.	
- Specifically describe those assets of the trust remaining in trustee's	
hands.	
Entry Setting Hearing on Account (H.C. 213.8)	Filed with account.
- Fill in the name of the ward and have attorney sign.	
- The account clerk will fill in hearing date & time and sign & date the	
form.	
Notice of Hearing on Account (H.C. 13.5)	
Waiver of Notice of Hearing (H.C. 13.7)	
- When filing a <i>current</i> account, all <i>income</i> beneficiaries are entitled to be	
notified of the hearing on the account.	
- When filing a <i>final</i> account, all <i>trust</i> residual beneficiaries are entitled to	
be notified of the hearing on the account.	
- You must either obtain a waiver from each individual (H.C. 13.7) or	
perfect certified mail notice (H.C. 13.5) on each individual. See Local	
Rule 64.1(D)	
- If certified mail notice is used, present certified mail return (green card)	
and a copy of the notice that was sent to each individual to the magistrate	
assigned to your case.	
Entry Approving and Settling Account (H.C. 13.3)	
- Fill in name of the ward and case number.	
- Magistrate will complete form on the day of the account hearing.	
STEP 2: ASSIGNING OF MAGISTRATE, REVIEWING OF FORMS,	
AND SETTING HEARING DATE.	
When all forms have been completed, present them to the magistrate's assistant	
at the information desk on the 9 th Floor of Probate Court where the clerk will	
write the initials of the magistrate who is handling the estate on the form. From	
the magistrate's assistant you will go to the assignment desk on the 10 th floor to	
obtain a hearing on the Judge's docket.	
STEP 3: FILING OF FORMS WITH CASHIER	
All forms are taken to the cashier who will assign a case number. At this time,	
the cashier will require the payment of the filing fee. The cashier will stamp the	
case number on all the papers plus one set of copies, if provided, and clock in the	
original forms that can be docketed that day. After clocking in the forms, the	
cashier will place the forms in a file folder and give it to the Issue Desk.	

STEP 4: THE HEARING – WHAT TO EXPECT

At the date and time of the hearing, you (and your attorney, if an attorney is obtained) should report to the 10th Floor of the Probate Court to Courtroom A. (The Judge will already have the file with the forms you initially filed). If you had to obtain waivers or serve notices of the hearing you will give them to the Judge. The Judge will conduct the hearing, and if he approves the trust he will sign the Entry Creating Trust and Approving Trust Form (H.C. 115.55) to be filed under the estate number, sign the Entry Appointing Trustee; Letters of Authority (H.C. 54.4) if the bond is signed, depository is set up (if not posting a bond) or the applicant is a bank, the Irrevocable Trust Agreement and if the settlement was also set on this day, he would sign that entry also. The bailiff will escort you to the Issue Desk and have the clerk certify a copy of the Entry Appointing Trustee; Letters of Authority signed by the Judge. If letters cannot be issued on the day of the hearing the file will be returned to the Issue Desk. Once the letters are ready to be issued, you must retrieve the file from the Issue Desk on the 9th floor and take it to the Assignment Desk on the 10th floor where the clerk will give the file to the Judge for his signature.

IN THE MATTER OF
CASE NO
APPLICATION TO CREATE TRUST AND APPROVE TRUST FORM
Applicant is the □ guardian □ trustee and has received funds for the benefit of
the \square ward \square beneficiary as a result of a \square personal injury settlement or \square other
(specify): Applicant states that it would be in the best
interest of the \square ward \square beneficiary to create a trust for the \square ward \square beneficiary
pursuant to \square R.C. 2111.50(B)(3) \square R.C. 2125.03 (A)(2), for the reasons set forth in the
attached Memorandum.
Applicant prays for an order of the Court authorizing the creation of a \Box specia
needs trust or □ other (specify): and approval of the
trust form.
Attorney for Applicant Applicant

Attorney Registration No._____

IN THE MATTER OF			
CASE NO	CASE NO		
ENTRY CI	REATING TRUST AN	ND APPROVING T	RUST FORM
This caus	se came on to be heard up	oon an application to crea	ate a [select one of
the following]:	☐ wrongful death trust	☐ special needs trust	□ other (specify)
	rt finds that		is the
□ guardian □	trustee and has received	funds for the benefit	of the □ ward □
beneficiary and	that it would be in the best	interest of the □ ward □	beneficiary that the
Court create a t	rust pursuant to □ R.C. 211	1.50 (B)(3) □ R.C. 2125.0	03 (A)(2).
It is there	efore ordered that a [select	one of the following] \square v	vrongful death trust
☐ special needs	s trust □ other (specify)	 	be created
for the benefit	of the ward. The trust is	hereby approved as to	form and shall be
administered un	nder Case No	·	
		Ralph Winkler, Proba	te Judge

TRUST OF	
FOR THE BENEFIT OF	
CASE NO	
APPLICATION FOR	THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE
according to [Check one]: □ the terms of	, a resident of Hamilton County, Ohio, and hereby e of said Estate and agrees to perform the duties of said office said Will (and Codicil/s) under Item the wrongful death cify), for the benefit of
Your applicant represents that said	trust estate is estimated as follows:
	Personal Property \$
Wherefore your applicant asks to be sum of \$ with t	appointed Trustee and presents a bond as such Trustee in the the following surety:
by the Court. Applicant acknowledges that	be imposed by law, and such additional duties as may be required he/she may be removed as fiduciary for failure to perform such as that he/she may be subject to criminal penalties for improper ry.
Attorney for Applicant	Applicant
Typed or Printed Name	Typed or Printed Name
Address	Address
City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code
Phone No. (include area code)	Phone No. (include area code)
Attorney Registration No.	

TRUST OF			
FOR	FOR THE BENEFIT OF		
CASE	E NO		
	TRUST BI	ENEFICIARIES	
The fo	ollowing are beneficiaries of the trust:		
Name	Residence Address	I = Income Beneficiary R= Remainder Beneficiary	Birthdate of Minor
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[Chec	k whichever of the following is applicable]		
[]	The Will contains a charitable trust or a bequest 109.23 and 109.41.	or devise to a charitable trust, subject t	o Revised Code Section
[]	The Will is not subject to Revised Code Section	ons 109.23 and 109.41, relating to cha	aritable trusts.
Date		Applicant (or give other title)	

TRU	ST OF		
FOR	THE BENEFIT OF		
	E NO		
	CONSENT TO APP	OINT	MENT OF TRUSTEE
[Che	ck one of the following]:		
	The undersigned, being adult bene	eficiarie	es or guardians of minor beneficiaries of the
	trust, do hereby consent to the app	oointme	ent of
	as Trustee of		
	The undersigned, being guardian of	said mi	inor or incompetent, does hereby consent to
	the appointment of		as Trustee of the special needs
	trust.		
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TRUS	T OF			
FOR T	FOR THE BENEFIT OF			
CASE	E NO			
	TRUSTI	EE'S BOND		
	Amount of Bond \$			
payme		are obligated to the State of Ohio in the above amount, for s, heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally.		
	The principal has accepted in writing the duties	of trustee pursuant to:		
	 () said decedent's Will (and Codicil(s)) () wrongful death settlement trust [R.C. 2125. () special needs trust [R.C. 2111.50(B)(3)] () minor trust [R.C. 2111.182] 	.03]		
Said d	uties include the following:			
1.	Make and return to the Court, on oath, as provide the real and personal property belonging to the	ed by and within the time required by law a true inventory of Frust;		
2.	Administer and distribute according to law and the Trust all the real and personal property belonging to the Trust;			
3.	Render upon oath a just and true account of the administration at the time or times required by the Court or the law; AND in all matters, faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of said office, and comply with all conditions imposed by law.			
fails to		s as required. This obligation remains in force if the principal negligently, or improperly, or if the principal misuses or them to his own use or the use of another.		
	[Check if personal sureties are involved] -	ne sureties certify that each of them owns real estate in this		
county	v, with a reasonable net value as stated below.			
Date		Principal		
Surety		Surety		
Ву		<u>By</u>		
Attorne	ey in Fact	Attorney in Fact		
Typed o	or Printed Name	Typed or Printed Name		
Address	S	Address		
Net va	alue of real estate owned in this county	Net value of real estate owned in this county		

TRUST OF	
FOR THE BENEFIT OF	
CASE NO	
ENTRY APPOINTING TRU	STEE; LETTERS OF AUTHORITY
Name of Trustee:	
Name(s) of Co-Trustee(s) [if any]:	
that the applicant is a suitable and compete	olication for appointment of trustee, the Court finds ent person to execute the trust, that applicant has tee, and that the Trustee's Bond has been [Check
□ filed and approved □ waived under the ter □ waived according to	rms of the decedent's Will law.
The Court therefore appoints applicathe trustee's letters of authority.	nt as Trustee. This entry of appointment constitutes
Date	Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge
CERTIFICATE OF APPO	OINTMENT AND INCUMBENCY
	by of the original kept by me as custodian of the oppointment and letters of authority of the named a capacity.
	Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge/Clerk
[Seal]	
	Date

IN THE MATTER OF
CASE NO
IRREVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT
This Agreement, entered into this day of,,
by and between RALPH WINKLER, PROBATE JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO, as Grantor pursuant to the statutory authority of Ohio
Revised Code Section 2125.03, and as
Trustee.
Section 1. Trust Property. The Grantor desires to create a trust authorized by
Ohio Revised Code Section 2125.03 for the purpose of receiving the sum of
Said sum is the proceeds from the wrongful
death settlement due and payable to,
the child of
Section 2. Disposition of Trust Property. The sole beneficiary of said trust,
is to receive the principal and accumulated
undistributed net income from the trust when he/she attains the age of twenty-five (25)
years. The Trustee, may, if the beneficiary attends a college, technical school, or other
accredited institution of higher education, use the trust estate to pay the tuition, fees room
and board, and other expenses associated with the beneficiary attending such school
only with the permission of the Court.

amounts of the accumulated income and/or principal of the trust estate as the Trustee

Additionally, the Trustee may also apply to the Court for permission to expend such

deems necessary to provide for the beneficiary's health, education, comfort, maintenance and support, or to meet any emergency expense of the beneficiary. Funds may be expended for the foregoing items in the paragraph only upon the approval of the Probate Court.

Section 3. Trustee's Responsibility and Authority. The Trustee shall invest the trust funds as provided under Ohio Revised Code Section 2109.37, 2109.371 and 2109.372. Further, the Trustee shall have the authority to pay all income annually as is necessary to pay taxes on said income, college tuition and expenses, and to pay any other expenses incurred as a result of his/her duties under the Trust, including his/her fiduciary bond. The Trustee shall make accounts to the Court on a biennial basis, or at such other times as the Court may require. The Trustee shall incur no liability in handling the Trust estate, provided he/she exercises duties and responsibilities in a reasonable and prudent manner, and complies with the terms of this agreement. The Trustee accepts the Trust hereby created and agrees to carry out the provisions herein on her part to be done and performed, without compensation.

Section 4. Miscellaneous. The Trust being created shall be deemed to be an Ohio Trust, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have executed this Agreement in duplicate as of the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:	
	RALPH WINKLER, Probate Judge
	 Trustee
	Typed or Printed Name

TRUST OF	
FOR THE BENEFIT OF	
CASE NO	
TRUSTEE'S [R.C. 210	INVENTORY 09.58]
Description of Real and Personal Property	Value
	\$
[use additional page	ges, if necessary]
RECAPI	TULATION
Total Value of Personal Estate	\$
Total Value of Real Estate	\$
Yearly Rent of Real Estate	\$
OtherAnnual Income	\$
Total	\$
	Trustee

H.C. FORM 54.5 - TRUSTEE'S INVENTORY

TRUS	ST OF		
	THE BENEFIT OF		
CASE	E NO		
		E'S ACCOUNT :. 2109.30]	
disbur	The trustee offers an account of the trust sements. The trustee states that the account is true and		·
	[Check one of the following]		
	This is the partial (Number) to A stater	I account for the period from	ne trustee's hands is attached.
	This is a final and distributive account, and the t		
	This account is recapitulated as follows:		
RECE	IPTS		
	Balance brought forward from inventory or pro-	revious account	\$
	Income		§
	Other receipts		s\$
	Total receipts		\$
DISBU	JRSEMENTS		
	Fiduciary fees (this accounting period)	\$	<u></u>
	Attorney fees (this accounting period)	\$	
	Other administration costs and expenses	\$\$	
	Other disbursements	\$	<u> </u>
	Total disbursements	\$	
BALA	NCE REMAINING IN FIDUCIARY'S HANDS		\$
Date	_	Trustee	

CASE NO.	
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BANK CERTIFICATE

N.B. Must be executed when funds are on deposit.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within names trustee, on the date named below, had on deposit in the of ______, Ohio the sum of \$______ to the credit of the trust of Nature of Deposit Bank By Cashier Dated_____ Trustee **BANK CERTIFICATE** N.B. Must be executed when funds are on deposit I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within named trustee, on the date named below, had on deposit in _____ to the credit of the trust of Nature of Deposit the sum of \$ on Bank Dated____ Trustee

TRUST OF			
FOR THE BENEFIT OF			
CASE NO.			
RE	ECEIPTS AND DISBURS	SEMENTS	
	[Attach to trustee's account]		
Following is an itemized strust.	statement of receipts and disburseme	ents by the trustee in the	administration of the
Item	Voucher No.	Value or Amount	Value or Amount
		\$	\$
		Fiduciary	

				CASE NO	
Page	of	pages			
Item			Voucher No.	Value or Amount	Value or Amount
				\$	\$

Trustee

TRUS	ST OF		
FOR	THE BENEFIT OF		
	E NO		
	ASSETS REMA	AINING IN TRUSTEE'S HAN	DS
	[Attach	to partial account of trustee]	
Page_	of pages		
	The trust assets remaining in the truste	ee's hands are recapitulated as follows:	
	Tangible personal property	\$\$	
	Intangible personal property	\$\$	
	Total personal property	\$\$	
	Real Estate	\$	
	Total assets remaining in truste	ees's hands\$\$	
Follov	wing is an itemized statement of trust ass	sets remaining in the trustee's hands.	
Item	1	Value or Amount	Value or Amount
		\$	\$

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Page of	pages	
•	Value or	Value or
Item		
	Amount	Amount
	\$	\$

Trustee

GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF	
CASE NO	
NOTICE OF HEAR	RING ON ACCOUNT
То:	
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	account covering the period from has been filed, and
the hearing will be held on	ato'clockM.
The Court is located at the William Howard	Taft Center, 230 East Ninth Street, Ninth Floor,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-2145.	
•	quire into the contents of the account, and into all
•	earing on the account. There is no requirement to
	ions to the account. Any exceptions to the account
exceptions, the account may be approved without	s prior to the hearing. Absent the filing of written
exceptions, the docount may be approved with	out futurer froutee.
	Fiduciary/Attorney for Fiduciary
	Attorney Registration No

TRUST OF GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF		
CASE NO		
WAIVER OF NOTICE O	F HE	EARING ON ACCOUNT
The undersigned, who are interested in the ear	state, v	waive notice of the hearing on the account.
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TRUST OF GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF	
CASE NO	
ENTRY SETTING	HEARING ON ACCOUNT
as the date and time for hearing on the cu the Court orders that notice of the hearing of	at o'clock M. arrent/final account in this matter. If notice is required, on the account be given to all parties entitled to notice, (15) days prior to the date and time set for
Date	Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge
Attorney Attorney Registration No	_

IN RE	i:
CASE	E NO
NOT	TICE OF RETRIEVING DOCUMENTATION FOR ACCOUNTS
Check	k the box indicating how the supporting documentation, copies and/or account forms
left wi	th the accounting department should be handled after the account is reviewed.
	Mail back documents in enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If no envelope -
	will be charged to mail back
	Place documents in the Attorney Mailbox (will pick up within 30 days).
	Mailbox No
	Destroy documents (shred).
	THESE ARE THE MOST COMMON REASONS FOR REJECTIONS SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED (If pertains to the type of Account being filed)
	Starting balance matches Inventory/most recent Partial/Current Account
	Original Signature on Account
	Total Receipts and Distributions balance
	Newly Discovered Asset (Form 106.11)
	Attorney Fees (Consents - Form 210.05 or Application and Entry with timesheets
	for fees over \$2,000)
	Paid funeral bill
Signa	ture Date

MA	ΓTER OF
CAS	SE NO
	ENTRY APPROVING AND SETTLING ACCOUNT [R.C. 2109.32]
Upo	n hearing the account filed, the Court finds that:
[Ch	eck whichever of the following are applicable]
	The partial account has been lawfully administered;
	The events have occurred after which the Court may approve and settle a final account.
	The events have occurred after which the Court may approve and settle a supplemental final account.
The	account is therefore approved and settled.
[Ch	eck whichever of the following are applicable]
	fiduciary shall be discharged without further order of the Court twelve months following the roval of the final and distributive account unless discharged by this entry.
	The fiduciary is discharged herewith.
	The surety bond is terminated herewith.
	This is a final account of a (deceased) (removed) (resigned) fiduciary. The estate shall remain open.
	This is a final account of the guardianship for the estate only. This matter shall continue as a person only guardianship.
	This is a final account of a beneficiary of a trust. The trust estate shall remain open for other beneficiaries of the trust.
Nam	ne of Fiduciary:

Date

Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge