

You are **not** required to have a court-appointed guardian when you turn 18 to help you make educational decisions.

Here are some things to know about being an adult with a guardian.

The court decides which rights you keep and lose.

- Vote in elections
- Drive a vehicle
- Decide medical care
- Enter into contracts
- Where you live
- If you can marry

Alternatives

Supported Decision Making Plan

Power of Attorney - Educational, General, Health

Representative Payee

Joint Bank Account

Midwest Special Needs Trust

Contact Resources

Missouri Protection and Advocacy
1(800) 392-8667 www.moadvocacy.org

Alternatives to Guardianship
www.alternativestoguardianship.com

Getting Your Rights Back RIGHTS RESTORATION

The court decides if you no longer need a guardian. You'll prove to the court you have ability, also known as capacity, to make your own decisions. A doctor or qualified professional will have to agree. Going to court will take time, months to years. It may also take money.

Types

Full guardianship gives all your rights to the guardian.

Limited guardianship gives some of your rights to the guardian.

Supported Decision Making

You choose your supporter.
You choose when you need support.

Informational Resources

Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council
www.moddcouncil.org

UMKC-IHD LifeCourse Nexus
www.umkcctlc@umkc.edu

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