

PROBATE COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
JEFFREY D. MACKEY, JUDGE

ESTATE OF _____, DECEASED
CASE NO. _____

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER ESTATE WITHOUT
ASSISTANCE OF AN ATTORNEY**

I hereby ask the court for permission to act as estate fiduciary without hiring a lawyer to help me.

I acknowledge all of the following:

1. There is a minimum deposit of \$125.00 to open an estate case, paid through the court's e-filing system. However, I will need to pay additional filing fees before I can be appointed as fiduciary. **The court recommends a starting deposit of \$250.00** to cover most future filing fees.
2. Along with this application, **I have also filed Form 4.0** (Application for Authority to Administer the Estate) **and all other documents needed to open an estate**. The court may need to hold a hearing to see if I can be appointed as fiduciary.
3. Under Loc.R. 60.5, this court requires a fiduciary without a lawyer to post bond, in order to protect the interests of the estate. Even if there is a will that asks the court to waive bond, **to be appointed as fiduciary, I will need to post bond worth at least twice the value of the decedent's personal property**.
4. **The court is not allowed to give me legal advice**. For example, no one at the court can tell me how to fill out all the forms I will need to administer this estate. If I need any help, I will need to talk to a lawyer.

Applicant

Telephone Number (include area code)

Typed or Printed Name

Address

Relationship to Decedent

City, State, Zip Code

E-mail Address