

## PETITION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

### **Purpose**

File this Petition for Educational Expenses along with a Notice of Motion to ask the court to order the other parent to pay post-high school educational expenses for a non-minor child (a child 18 years old or older). Although a non-minor child can continue to receive support and educational expenses if he or she is (1) still in high school, (2) disabled, or (3) continuing his or her post-high school education, this form is only for parents seeking post-high school educational expenses.

### **What You Have to Do**

You must complete this petition and bring it with you to file when you go to get a court date. If your petition goes according to plan, the judge will order the other parent to pay educational expenses. As is true with the rest of the documents in your case, it is important that you complete this carefully. This petition asks for support in addition to the existing order, so make sure it says what you want it to say.

### **How to Complete the Sheet**

You can fill in the form on your computer and then print 4 copies of the form. Or, you can print the form from your computer and fill it out by hand and make 3 additional copies later.

To use your computer to fill in the form, move your mouse over the lines you need to fill in and start typing your information. If you want to erase all of the information you have typed in the form, click on the "form reset" button on the last page of the form.

Please note that you cannot type in the spaces where your signature is required.

Each numbered instruction corresponds to the same number on the Petition for Educational Expenses.

- (1) Insert your name. If you are filling out this form on your computer, your name will also appear in (4) and (15).
- (2) Insert the name of the other parent. If you are filling out this form on your computer, the other parent's name will also appear in (16).
- (3) Insert the case number. Copy the case number from your Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union, Order of Parentage (formerly Order of Paternity) or Order of Child Support, whichever ordered support for the child.
- (4) Insert your name if it is not already filled in.
- (5) Insert "Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union," "Order of Parentage," or "Order of Child Support," whichever ordered support for the child. If you are filling out this form on your computer, the title of the Order will also appear in (8).
- (6) Insert the date the Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union, Order of Parentage, or Order of Child Support was entered.
- (7) Insert the name of the parent who has the majority of parenting time (or custody). If you are filling out this form on your computer, the other parent's name will also appear in (13).
- (8) If it is not already filled in, insert "Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union," "Order of Parentage" or "Order of Child Support," whichever ordered support for the child.
- (9) Insert what your order said regarding educational expenses, or state that the order was silent about as to expenses.

- (10) Insert the child's name. If you are filling out this form on your computer, the title of the child's name will also appear in (12).
- (11) Insert the name of the school and its city and state where your child is enrolled.
- (12) Insert the child's name if it is not already filled in.
- (13) Insert the name of the parent who has the majority of parenting time (or custody of the child).
- (14) Insert the other parent's name if it is not already filled in.
- (15) Insert your name if it is not already filled in.
- (16) Insert the other parent's name if it is not already filled in.
- (17) This is the first place you will sign your name and write the date when you are finished.
- (18) Insert "he" if you are male, or "she" if you are female.
- (19) The oath swears that everything you stated in this petition is true. If this is correct, sign your name when you are finished with the form.
- (20) Insert your name if it is not already filled in.
- (21) Insert your street address.
- (22) Insert your city, state and ZIP code.
- (23) Insert your telephone number.

You need four (4) total copies of the Petition for Educational Expenses.

Don't forget to fill out a Notice of Motion form as well.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT — DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

(1) \_\_\_\_\_, )  
Petitioner, )

AND )

(2) \_\_\_\_\_, )  
Respondent, )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ - F - \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_ petitions this Honorable Court, pursuant to Statute, to establish payment of educational expenses and states that the following is true and correct.

1. Pursuant to a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ entered by this court on (6) \_\_\_\_\_, the care, parental responsibility, and control of the non-minor child was awarded to (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

2. As to educational expenses, the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ provided as follows:

(9)

3. That the parties' non-minor child, (10) \_\_\_\_\_, has graduated from high school and has enrolled at (11) \_\_\_\_\_.

4. That the parties' non-minor child, (12) \_\_\_\_\_, is currently residing with (13) \_\_\_\_\_.

5. That (14) \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of providing for the expenses of the parties' non-minor child.

**WHEREFORE**, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ prays that this Honorable Court enter an Order providing that (16) \_\_\_\_\_ provide for the educational expenses of the parties' non-minor child.

(17) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that (18) \_\_\_\_\_ verily believes the same to be true.

(19) \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
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