UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP PROPERTY REGISTRY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is Unclaimed Guardianship Property?

The Registry of Guardianship Unclaimed Property includes only the names of deceased Guardianship clients of the Cabinet (those where the Cabinet has been appointed as guardian or conservator) who have estates remaining of less than $10,000. The property can consist of money or personal property such as coins or jewelry and does not contain vehicles or real estate.

How do I find out about real estate or land?

Houses and land are not unclaimed property. You can call the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) in the county where the parcel is located to obtain information about real property ownership.

What does the state do to find heirs, beneficiaries or creditors of a deceased guardianship ward?

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services website provides the public with 24-hour access to a registry regarding unclaimed guardianship property. The Cabinet conducts family searches and notifies known relatives upon the death of a ward. The Cabinet checks court records to search for probate cases that have been filed. The Cabinet also works with Nursing Home and Funeral Home Associations to make them aware of the website and how to file a claim.

Can I find out how much money is in an account?

Guardianship cannot release information about the amount in an account until an official claim and supporting documentation has been filed as directed on this website. The Registry will only reflect whether the estate is over or under $100.

Who can claim funds on the Registry?

Only the following can file a claim for funds:

-Creditors

-A beneficiary under the will of the deceased

-An heir of the deceased, limited to a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, or parent of the deceased.

Who has priority for payment of claims?

The Cabinet will pay claims in the following order:

1. Bills for the final living expenses of the deceased
2. Funeral bills
3. Medicaid Estate Recovery
4. To the estate administrator or executor if one is appointed. If no estate then;
5. Surviving spouse
6. Surviving child
7. Surviving grandchild
8. Parent of the deceased
9. Sibling of the deceased

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

What proof do I need to submit to verify my claim?

1. If a **creditor**, you need to produce:

-a claim form for Creditors found on this website, which contains an affidavit you must have notorized;

- a copy of an itemized statement of charges setting forth the date or dates the service was provided, a description of the services provided, and the total charges.

2. If you are a **beneficiary (named in a will)**, you must provide:

- a claim form found on this website, which contains an affidavit you must have notarized;
- a copy of your driver's license;
- a copy of the will and;
- a copy of the court order specifying you are entitled to the money or an order which states you were executor or administrator of the estate.

3. If you are an **heir** (a spouse, sibling, child, grandchild or parent of the deceased) you must provide:

- a claim form found on this website that contains an affidavit you must have notarized;
- a copy of your driver's license;
- a copy of your birth certificate.

- If you were a spouse, you must also provide a copy of the marriage certificate.

How do I submit my claim?

You may only submit your claim and supporting documentation by mail. You may not file it in person, by email, or by fax. Be sure to advise the Cabinet if you move while your claim is pending.

How long will it take to receive funds?

All claims will be held for a one-year period to allow all claims to be filed. No later than thirty (30) days of the end of that year, the Department will make a determination regarding your claim. No funds will be released until the end of one (1) year after the public notice is placed on the Registry

Is there a time limit for filing claims?

Yes, claims must be filed within one (1) year of the date the public notice of the estate is posted on the on line registry.

What if my claim is denied at the end of the one-year period for filing?

You may file an appeal within 15 days of the date you receive the denial of your claim by making a written request and mailing it to:

Fiduciary Management Branch
275 East Main Street, 3E-F
Frankfort, KY 40621

Whom may I call to ask questions?

You may call the Department at (502) 564-2927