

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR EMANCIPATION HEARING**

Try to arrive at your hearing at least 15 minutes before your hearing is scheduled. Once you arrive at the courtroom for your hearing, you should ask the clerk of the district court how to let the judge know that you are there for your hearing.

The court may ask to review your proposed Judgment of Emancipation before the hearing, so have that document prepared, along with one copy.

When the court calls your case, you will be asked if you are ready to proceed. You must tell the court that you are ready and would like to testify.

You will be asked to take the stand and the court will give you an oath to tell the truth. You are then ready to go forward with your case.

You must testify to the following:

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I live at \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
(your full name) (your current street address)  
in \_\_\_\_\_ , and I am the petitioner in this case.  
(city and state where currently living)

2. I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old and was \_\_\_\_\_ years old on the day a filed the petition in this case.

3. My parents' names and current addresses are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

4. (If you have a legal guardian other than your parent(s)): My legal guardian's name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my guardian's current address is \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

5. (If you do not know the names and addresses of all of your parents or legal guardian): My nearest known relative's name is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
He/She is my \_\_\_\_\_. (What their relationship is to you.)  
His/Her current address is:

\_\_\_\_\_.

6. *I am/am not the subject of a pending court case in Nebraska or any other state. [If involved in a pending court case, say “The details of the case are listed in the petition I filed in this case and are true and correct.”]*
7. *There is/is not a court case in which an order of support relating to me has been entered.[If there is a case, say, “The details of the case are listed in the petition I filed in this case and are true and correct.”]*
8. *I am here today asking the court to enter a judgment of emancipation.*
9. *I filed the petition in this case as my own free and voluntary act.*
10. *I willingly live apart from my parent(s) (or legal guardian).*
11. *I am able to support myself without financial assistance (or I have no parent, guardian or legal custodian who is supporting me).*
12. *I am mature and knowledgeable to manage my affairs without the guidance of a parent or legal guardian.*
13. *I am committed to [staying in school] or [taking vocational training] or [staying employed].*
14. *I am requesting that the court enter a judgment of emancipation because :*
  
15. *I believe a judgment of emancipation would be in my best interests because:*
  
  
16. *I have nothing further your Honor.*